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Quail Run Residents Receive Life-Saving Refrigerator Magnets

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Refrigerator magnets come in all sizes and shapes. Some carry inspirational messages; some are merely advertisements. And one, called the File of Life, can save your life.

Designed to fit into a four-by-five-inch plastic jacket and to be magnetically attached to the refrigerator, the File of Life is a comprehensive document detailing medical emergency information, including current medications, allergies, medical insurance information, as well as the names and phone numbers of doctors and people to be called in an emergency. A red File of Life sticker, to be affixed on the inside of the front door at eye level, is part of the package.

The sticker is intended to alert emergency medical response teams to the existence of the file.

Under the auspices of the Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council, the Agawam Senior Center began distributing the File of Life packet to homebound seniors as part of the Meals on Wheels Program last year and provided the files, as well as help in filling out the information, to town residents at the Senior Center.

SEE "MAGNETS" - Page 2...



ON THEIR RECENT TRIP TO ROME, former town residents Tom and Georgene Knight had the opportunity to meet Pope John Paul II. The Knights were in Rome as guests of Georgene's nephew, who will soon be ordained a priest.

Tom And Georgene Knight Are Pleased To Meet The Pope

Tom and Georgene Knight recently went to Rome. They were guests of Georgene's nephew, who shortly will be ordained a priest.

They had the honor and privilege to speak and shake hands with Pope John Paul II. They both stated it was a beautiful moment that will always be cherished.

Tom was an outstanding athlete for Agawam High in the late 1940's. His 50th reunion is this year.

Georgene taught for many years at Granger Elementary School in Feeding Hills.

They now reside on Sanibel Island, Florida, and Cape Cod (Dennis, MA).



OLIVER MULDREW (left), President of the S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together) Council, and Hector Pariseau of Quail Run Estates hold File of Life refrigerator magnets. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

RENEWAL NOTICE INFORMATION:

We again thank the many loyal subscribers who have already submitted their renewal notices for the new one-year billing period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. A reminder to our subscribers - to receive your discount, please pay before June 30, 1999. Send your check and the top portion of your bill to Office Services Unlimited, Box 96, Agawam, MA 01001. Again, without our loyal subscribers, giving the Town of Agawam a quality hometown newspaper each week would be impossible.

"MAGNETS" - from Page 1...

Recently, Quail Run Estates joined other assisted living agencies and nursing homes in offering the magnets to the residents of the retirement community, according to S.A.L.T. Council President Oliver Muldrew.

Muldrew said the council is able to provide the files at no cost to local elderly because the cost of the program is underwritten by Police Chief Robert Campbell's success in soliciting the funds from local civic organizations.

An Outreach Program...

"We do this as an outreach program," Muldrew said. "It's a big help for the emergency medical personnel to know who the patient's doctor is and what medication they are taking, especially with something like diabetes. Even if the patient is confused or unconscious, the medical team will know how to treat them."

Muldrew said the S.A.L.T. Council considers programs like the File of Life a part of their community service linking the elderly and the law enforcement community.

"We'd be happy to supply the file to anyone who wants one," Muldrew said.

The magnets are available at the Senior Center by contacting Assistant Director Gail Freeman at 786-0400, ext. 242/234, or by contacting Muldrew at 786-0075.

"It takes a little bit of research to fill out the card, and some people need a little help in doing that," Muldrew said. "We're happy to help."

In areas where the File of Life is being used, the EMT's called to the scene of a medical emergency or an accident at home will take the file off the refrigerator and take it with them when transporting someone to the hospital (so they can get a head start on initial patient care and also give emergency room personnel the patient's vital medical history).

The S.A.L.T. Council meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center, with the exception of July and August. Anyone interested in learning more about the council's work with senior citizens or anyone wishing to bring a concern to their attention is welcome to attend, Muldrew said.

Used Car Dealers Facing Hefty Fines At Next Town Council Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After being found in violation of their dealer licenses for the second time this year, two used car dealers are facing hefty fines when Town Council meets next Monday night.

Town Council License Committee Chairman John Negrucci said the three-member panel voted unanimously to recommend that the full council levy fines against A & W Auto Sales, 1514 Main Street, and Agawam Auto Mall, 825 Springfield Street. Both dealers were found to have too many unregistered cars on their lots during a May 4th inspection by Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati.

At the request of the licensing committee, Urbinati conducted the May 4th inspection after an earlier inspection showed the dealers had too many cars on their lots. Threatened with legal action if the council levied fines based on the word of the building inspector without documentation of the vehicle identification numbers of cars, the committee issued a warning to all the dealers who had been found in violation during the first inspection and sought legal advice from the town before proceeding with a recommendation on fining.

Negrucci, who took over as license committee chairman in January, said his committee backed off from recommending fines after the first inspection because the newly constituted committee was still getting its feet wet and was unsure of how far the town would back up their decisions if the dealers took legal action.

Councilors Assured Of Town's Support...

However, at a sub-committee meeting in April, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson assured the councilors of the town's support of their enforcement efforts and said it was not the building inspector's responsibility to get the vehicle identification numbers because any car without a license plate affixed is considered to be not registered.

"Unless the dealers know you mean business, they're going to continue to ignore the rules," Johnson said.

Furthermore, Johnson recommended that the council revoke the license of any dealer who has not submitted the proper paperwork requested in the new application process approved by the council several months ago when the rules governing used car lots were overhauled. In addition to the license application, dealers are required to submit the same type of criminal records backgrounds checks required for video game license applications.

Negrucci said he believes the precedent has to be set now to require compliance with the application process and with the licensing restrictions on the number of cars a dealer can have for sale on the lot.

On May 4th, Urbinati counted 29 more cars than allowed at A & W Auto, which could result in a \$1,450 fine, and eight more cars than allowed were found at Agawam Auto Mall, a violation which could cost the dealer \$400 if the full council goes along with the sub-committee's recommendation.

Besides finding the two dealers with too many unregistered cars on their lots, Urbinati informed the committee that A & W Auto Sales and Agawam Motor Car Co., 201 Main Street, had submitted none of the application paperwork as requested by February 1, 1999. Also, Urbinati reported that no criminal record reports had been submitted for H & M Cycles, 74 Garden Street, Feeding Hills; Trailer Works, Inc., 32 Century Street; and Auto Masters of Agawam, 12 School Street, as of May 5th.

Serving on the licensing committee along with Negrucci are Councilors Gary Geiger and Gina Letellier.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you - AAN!!!

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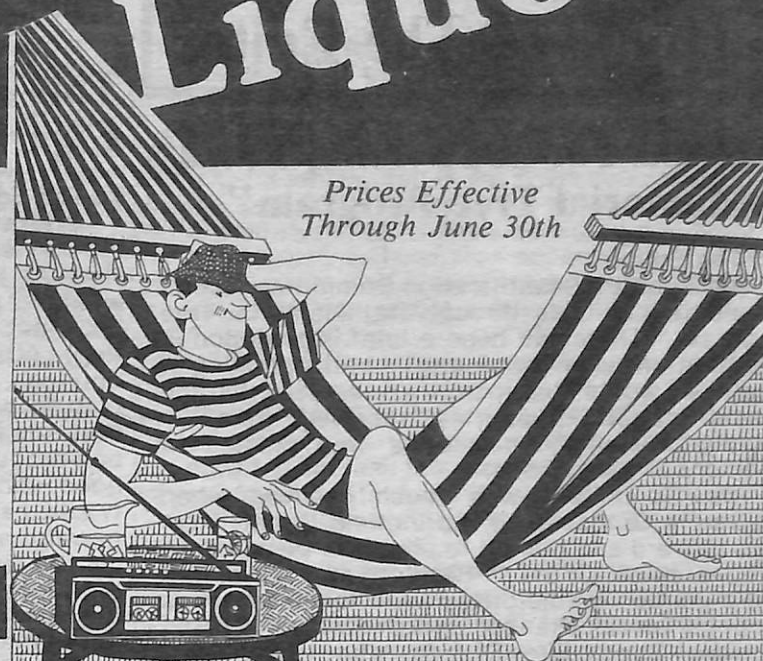
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Letters To The Editor

Thanks For Supporting Town's "Memorial Tree Program"

To The Editor:

The Agawam Beautification Committee recently planted 11 trees through its "Memorial Tree Program." There had been a brief interruption in the program when it appeared that the planting of the trees would cost more than the \$125 that the Beautification Committee received from individuals wishing to have a tree planted in memory of a loved one.

The Committee was much relieved when DeCaro's Landscaping, Springfield Street, stepped forward and offered to plant the trees for the original price. Of the 11 Bradford pear trees, four were planted on the driveway to the Junior High School, two at Granger School, two at the Springfield Street Fire Station, and two on the treebelt at Sacred Heart Church.

The Beautification Committee and the Office of Planning and Community Development wishes to thank DeCaro Landscaping for its generosity and cooperation. The Committee would also like to thank Tony Albro, Director of Building Maintenance, for assisting in the locating of the trees, and John Savioli, Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, for ensuring that the trees were watered during their first critical month.

Sincerely,
Zoafia Demko, Chairperson
Agawam Beautification Committee
Deborah S. Dachos, Director
Office of Planning and Community Development

Asthma & Allergy Foun. Of N. England Urges Smoking Ban

To The Editor:

We urge the public to support the efforts of the Agawam Board of Health to pass regulations that will protect the public from second-hand smoke. Banning smoking in restaurants is important because:

- One in every 18 people suffers from asthma and one in every five has an allergy.
- Tobacco smoke is a major preventable trigger of asthma and allergy symptoms.
- Second-hand smoke can bring on life-threatening asthma symptoms. It increases the frequency of asthma episodes, and the severity of symptoms such as shortness of breath, wheezing, chest tightness, and bronchial constriction.

Restaurant customers and workers should not have to be exposed to other people's tobacco smoke. Everyone should be free to enjoy all restaurants with their family and friends without worrying about whether they will suddenly find it difficult to breathe.

Even waiting for a table or walking through a smoky area can cause serious distress for a person with sensitive airways. They often require additional medication - with its negative side effects. Their breathing may be compromised for days afterwards, and they become more vulnerable to serious effects of other asthma triggers.

Employees who spend long hours at their food service worksites, and children customers whose respiratory systems are more vulnerable, especially need to be protected.

Completely smoke-free premises are the only real solution. So-called "non-smoking areas" should really be called "second-hand smoking areas," since trying to keep the air separate is like trying to chlorinate only half of a swimming pool. It simply doesn't work.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 10, 1999 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of O'Connell Oil Associates for work to be performed at 1801 Main Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: June 3, 1999

On behalf of our constituents with asthma and allergies, we urge the public to ask the Board of Health to make the strongest efforts possible to protect the public, and especially those most vulnerable to respiratory effects, from the hazards of second-hand smoke.

Sincerely,
Sharon Schumack, Health Education Coordinator
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America/
New England Chapter

This Former Smoker Supports Cigarette Ban in Restaurants

To The Editor:

Letters to the editor have mentioned the smoking ban issue and have asked the newspaper for a view. As journalists, we are supposed to remain, wherever possible, neutral. A biased article would be "slanted journalism" and that is not real reporting. Letters to the editor are reserved for strong opinions.

But when it comes to health, no one can argue that smoking just does not make sense. It is a non-productive habit that does more harm than good, and most smokers will agree that it's a pretty silly habit. The chemicals in cigarettes are very harmful and the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety, and the American Lung Association have been trying to inform the public of the risk-to-benefit ratio of smoking tobacco. That has to be a very unbalanced equation.

As for the smoking ban, this writer is a former smoker. Which way is better? No question about it, it is one less strike against oneself, one more reason to at least hope one has finally developed a little sense. Does it cure all ills of a lifetime? Of course not. Is it a battle worth winning? Absolutely.

As for what is decided in the hearing on June 9, 1999 at 6:30 at the Agawam Middle School and *The Agawam Advertiser's* coverage of the topic ahead of time, the announcement was in the May 28th issue. It is hoped that this meeting will be attended by interested and involved citizens, as should all hearings be that affect the public.

Kathy Shepard
Agawam

Zoning Board Deserves Praise For Taking A Stand

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the Zoning Board of Appeals for taking a stand once again against the strong arm of Big Business. You are the only group of people other than a couple of Town Councilors that have fought for what is best for our community.

Your concerns have not gone unnoticed by the people of Shoemaker Lane, Losito Lane, Silver Street, and Doane Avenue.

Once again, thank you for doing your job.

Patricia Blair
Agawam

Agawam High's Spring Sports Teams Deserve Congratulations

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all the coaches, the girls, and the boys of the 1999 spring season sports teams at Agawam High School.

Having fantastic sportsmanship and enjoying playing is what really matters!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Town Council To Consider Playscape Funding

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When elementary schoolchildren return to school after their summer vacation, they could find some pretty nifty new playground equipment to welcome them back, if Town Council agrees to pay for installing the shiny new playscapes.

Two years ago, Town Council made a deal with the four elementary school PTO's in a joint effort to raise enough money to build modern playscapes for the children to enjoy at each school. The council agreed to match the funds raised by the parents in a 2-1 ratio up to \$80,000. The parents kept their part of the bargain by raising \$42,000. But, that amount added to the town's share of the funding will only cover the \$122,052 cost of purchasing the playscapes.

It will cost an additional \$46,280 to contract with the Longhi Landscape Construction & Farm, Inc., of Enfield to install the structures. The Connecticut firm has been awarded the contract on the condition that Town Council approves the additional funding needed to complete the project.

"If the council votes to transfer the funds from the reserve account, we're hoping we'll finally have the playscapes in by September," said Carla Chase, president of the James Clark School PTO. "We're sending home notices asking parents to call the councilors or go to the council meeting to give their support to the request."

Installation Has Been Reviewed...

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the DPW and the Building Maintenance Department reviewed the installation and agreed that it would be best left to professional installers because professionals can complete the project in a much shorter time; there will be no exceptions to the playscape warranties with professional installation; and the town lacks the specialized equipment to perform the necessary concrete work for the installation.

Mrs. Chase said the elementary schools formed the Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee and exceeded their fundraising goal in November of 1997 by raising \$42,000 through several cooperative projects, including a tag sale.

The playscapes will have 24 play events that will accommodate up to 70 children and will replace equipment that is worn, outdated, inadequate to meet the needs of the schoolchildren, not handicap-accessible, and does not meet federal safety standards.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 17, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Thomas Russo, Jr. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Moreau Estates, a proposed six (6) lot subdivision to be located off of South Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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WMECO Asks For Override Of Zoning Board Of Appeals Decision

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At a public hearing held last Thursday night at Agawam High School, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) made its case for a state override of local zoning to build a 115kv substation on Moylan Lane.

Opponents of the project pleaded for the preservation of home rule and respect for the Zoning Board of Appeals' (ZBA) denial of a permit for the project.

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) will hold evidentiary hearings on WMECO's petition in Boston, and anyone who thinks the project will affect them substantially and specifically can apply for status as an intervenor or a limited participant in the hearings. Letters petitioning for intervenor status must include information on how the project will substantially and specifically affect the applicant.

Written comments on WMECO's request for an override of local zoning and letters seeking intervenor status should be addressed to: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, DTE, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02202, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th.

During public hearings in January and February before the ZBA, engineers for Northeast Utilities said it was inevitable that a south Agawam WMECO had purchased land on Moylan Lane in the 1960's and 1970's with the intention of someday erecting a substation on the site, which about NU engineers told the ZBA that the construction of the power plant did not cause the need for Berkshires Power.

While acknowledging that the substation will eventually be built somewhere on the WMECO property adjacent to Berkshires Power, ZBA members said the board cannot grant a special permit to WMECO until Berkshires Power gets permission from the local and state permitting agencies to change the layout of the site, as previously approved in the permitting process for the power plant.

WMECO had been seeking ZBA permission to construct the substation on land owned by Berkshires Power. The five-acre site for the proposed substation is part of the buffer zone between the power plant and its closest neighbors that was approved by state and local boards during the permitting review of the site plan proposed by Berkshires Power in 1995.

But, ZBA members said the board cannot grant a special permit to WMECO until Berkshires Power gets permission from the local and state permitting agencies to change the layout of the site, as previously approved in the permitting process for the power plant.

While acknowledging that the substation will eventually be built somewhere on the WMECO property adjacent to Berkshires Power, ZBA members also cited concern over the visual impacts to the neighborhood of constructing the substation on the site preferred by WMECO when the company had identified five alternative sites on the property that would be less visible.

Melconian Leads Democratic Party's Action Agenda

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the 1999 Democratic State Convention recently held in Springfield adopted her Action Agenda 2000.

As co-chair of the Democratic Party's Action Agenda Committee, she guided the convention to focus on a variety of important issues, including increases to the minimum wage, continued funding for education reform, expansion of post-secondary education for all students, creation of a patient bill of rights, and funds for worker training.

"These are the issues that most people have told me they really want to see addressed," said Melconian. "It is vital that we in the Democratic Party continue to listen to what the people have to say about education, health care, and finding quality, high-paying employment."

As Senate Majority Leader, Melconian has already achieved some of these goals in the Senate. She has pushed her Senate colleagues to pass a patient bill of rights as part of a comprehensive managed care reform legislative package, and to vote for an increase in the minimum wage by \$1.50 over the next three years and then index an increase to inflation thereafter.

The Senate is also closely in tune with the Democratic Action Agenda on education reform and workforce training. Melconian expects that the 1993 Education Reform Law and the 1998 Workforce Training Fund, both Senate initiatives, will be fully funded in this year's FY 2000 Senate budget.

Finally, Melconian has sponsored legislation to increase access to higher education by creating a full scholarship program that would allow top high school scholars to attend the state university system free of tuition and fees.

The Action Agenda is a working document that reflects the key concerns of the Democratic Party," said Melconian. "Every step we take to implement this agenda will make an enormous difference in the lives of our citizens. I will continue to fight for this agenda until everyone in the Commonwealth has a quality education, access to health care, and a living wage."

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Regular School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education.
7. Old Business:
- a. SCR99-25 Proposal for Increase in School Lunch Prices.
- b. SCR99-26 Appropriation of Summer School Funds to the HS Library Account.
- c. SCR99-27 Proposal for Additional Second Grade Teacher at Granger School.
- d. SCR99-28 Request to Board of Health to Initiate Fines For Smoking Offenses.
8. Business Meeting:
- a. Routine Matters
- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Calendar/Correspondence
- b. Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports
9. New Business:
10. Policy Review:
- a. FF "Naming Facilities."
- b. JMOA/JMOA-1 "School Sponsored Field Trips and Excursions."
- c. KJA "Relations with Booster Organizations."
11. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
12. Adjournment.

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From Linda Melconian's Office...

Patriots To Stay In Massachusetts

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is excited to announce that after more than two years of work, the Senate has passed legislation to assure that the New England Patriots will stay in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

The bill will not provide any public funds to build a stadium; instead, it allocates \$70 million to improve the surrounding infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, and sewers.

In exchange for these improvements, stadium owner Robert Kraft is required to pay \$1.4 million in annual fees to the Commonwealth.

"This is a good deal for Massachusetts," said Melconian. "It keeps a valuable revenue source and cultural resource in Massachusetts at a low cost to the taxpayers."

The bill, which resembles a Senate Bill passed last year that would also have provided \$70 million in funding, was only reached after long hours of negotiation between Senate and House leadership. The bill calls for \$42 million in infrastructure improvements within the economic development area, including site preparation, demolition, and the construction of inner and outer ring roads.

Another \$12 million will be spent on public health and safety improvements such as sewers, roadway bridges, and sidewalks/pedestrian corridors. The final \$12 million will be spent to improve highway access to the stadium.

"It was important to keep the Patriots in Massachusetts," said Melconian. "But it was even more important to do it with an innovative plan that commits no public money to stadium construction, and requires the team to deliver yearly fees to pay for the surrounding infrastructure."

— Obituaries —

Walter E. Klaus

Walter E. Klaus, 73, of 15 Belvidere Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

Born in Chicopee, he moved to Feeding Hills in 1962.

He was a 35-year quality control inspector for the Department of Defense, retiring in 1983.

He was a World War II marine veteran, and also served in the Air Force reserve from 1964 to 1968.

He was a member of the Agawam Senior Center and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife of 44 years, the former Genevieve S. Bodzinski; two sons, Walter E. of West Springfield and Gregory M. of Middletown, Connecticut; a brother, Theodore J. of Chicopee; two sisters, Henrietta Wegrzyn of Ludlow and Michalda Lenart of Chicopee; and three grandsons.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Church Endowment Fund, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Elizabeth R. Vanotti

Elizabeth R. (Consolini) Vanotti, 87, of 118 Reed Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was a 50-year secretary for the former General Welding, now R.J. Vanotti Welding in Springfield and Agawam, and was retired.

Born in West Stockbridge, she attended local schools and lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1947.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Romolo A. Vanotti, died in 1997.

She leaves a son, Ramon J. of West Springfield; a daughter, Linda E. Golfieri of Southwick; two brothers, Anthony of Springfield and Chester of West Stockbridge; two sisters, Corinna Smith and Rose Balestro, both of West Stockbridge; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Lifecare, 330 Whitney Avenue, P.O. Box 10428, Holyoke, MA 01041.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
First Aid For Burns

STOP, DROP, AND ROLL to extinguish a clothing fire.

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Seek emergency medical help immediately for more serious burns.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Keenan Honored By Mass. Association Of School Committees

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan was recently presented with a Citation of Recognition by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees for his dedication, commitment, and support to public education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"I was completely surprised by this honor," stated Keenan. "I was expecting to participate in a forum on funding public education."

Keenan, a member of the education committee in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, is a strong advocate of public education and public schools in Massachusetts. He has fought for increases in funding for school building renovations and projects, smaller class sizes, and early childhood education.

"It is my priority to responsibly provide the resources needed to educate our youth," Keenan said. "Education is a key to success."

Keenan is currently serving his third term in the Massachusetts Legislature, and represents the Third Hampden District which includes the communities of Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

Agawam Republicans Slate Breakfast Mtg. For Sat., June 5th

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting Saturday morning, June 5th at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The agenda will include the regular monthly business meeting and a discussion of the upcoming Western Mass. Republican picnic to be held in August.

Ron LaRiviere, committee chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming active on the committee to attend this meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on JUNE 7, 1999 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on the application of OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB/GOLF CLUB for a license to keep, store for personal use/or resale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 2,300 gallons at 850 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET in the Town of Agawam, MA.

Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk

Published: June 3, 1999

Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, June 7th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/17/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 - None.
7. Report of Council Committees
 - None.
8. Elections
 - None.
9. Public Hearings
 - (a)
 1. PH-99-7-(TO-99-27)-Application-Gas Storage Permit-Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 So. Westfield St., Request 300 gal. aboveground & 2,000 gal. underground liquid propane (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
 - (a)
 1. TOR-99-2-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor's Salary)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(2nd Reading).
 2. TOR-99-3-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (City Councilors)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(2nd Reading).
 3. TO-99-1-Total review of Council Rules and Regulations (Pres. Rheault)(Ref. to Rules & Reg. Comm. on 1/19/99)(Tabled on 2/1/99 - Left on table until 5/17/99 mtg. - Left on table 5/17/99).
 4. TO-99-7-Establish a 3 member committee to review salaries of the Mayor, Council and School Committee and all boards here and other communities and to draft an ordinance or resolution accordingly (Pres. Rheault)(Tabled on 5/3/99 - Left on table 5/17/99).
 5. TO-99-26-Voucher List (\$192.56).
 6. TO-99-28-Dealers in Violation of Class I & II Licenses (Coun. Negrucci).
 7. TO-99-29-Transfer-\$12,500.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Line Items-Professional Services (16602-52190)(Mayor).
 8. TO-99-30-Transfer-\$46,280.00 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Playscape Gifts & Donations (32110-48300)(Mayor).
 9. TO-99-31-Application for License for one hundred twenty four (124) automatic amusement devices for Riverside Park, 1623 Main St., Agawam, MA

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Hazardous Waste Collection Day On Sat., June 19th

The Town of Agawam's Health Department has announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (by appointment only).

It will be held at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street, and proof of Agawam residency is required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

What's more, home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

WHAT DO I BRING?

From the house: rubber cement, photo chemicals, furniture polish, oven cleaner, drain/toilet cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaner.

From the garage: gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, engine de-greaser, car wax/polish, driveway sealers, roofing tar.

From the workbench: oil/latex paints, stains/varnishes, wood preservative, paint stripper/thinner, aerosol cans, adhesives.

From the yard: insecticides/fungicides, chemical fertilizers, weed killers, flea control products, no-pest strips, pool chemicals, propane cylinders.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

* Empty containers. (Do not bring empty paint cans — dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

- * Commercially generated wastes.
- * Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.
- * Biological wastes.
- * Explosives/ammunition.
- * Prescription medicine/syringes.
- * Motor oil. (This can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

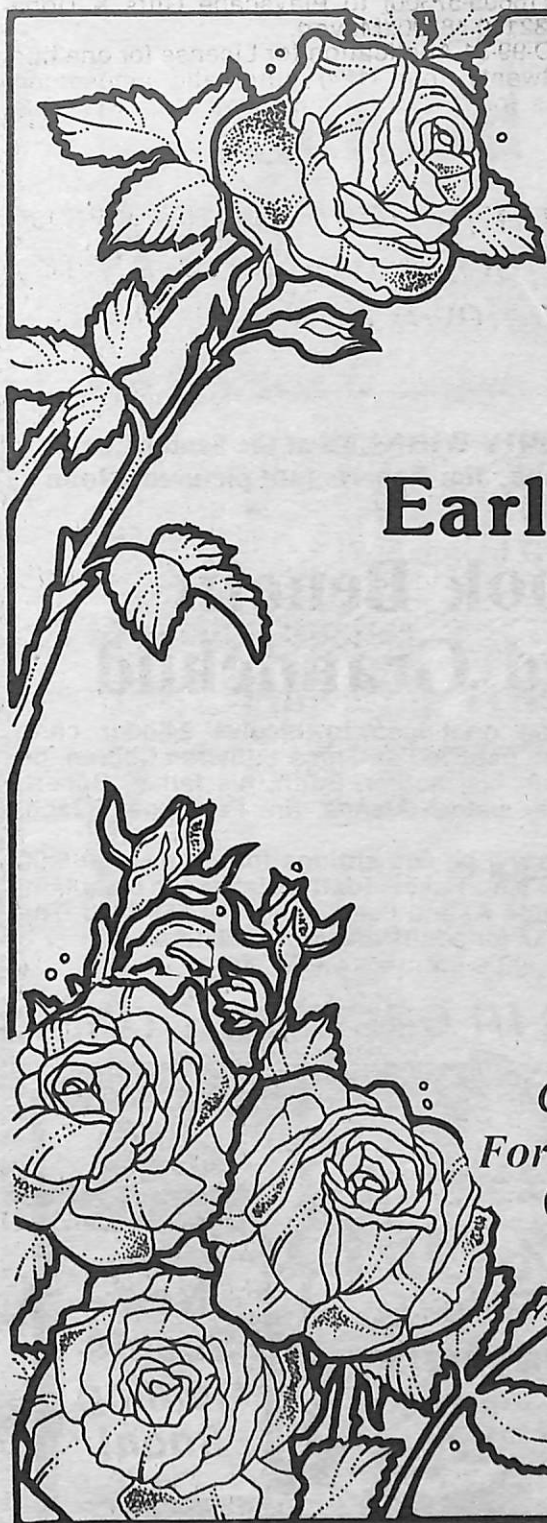
Sprucing Up The Veterans' Green...



PRIOR TO AGAWAM'S MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club — Cindy Sanford-Taylor, Natalia Clifton, Laura Lapierre, and Beverly Follis — spent time planting flowers at the Veterans' Green on the grounds of Phelps Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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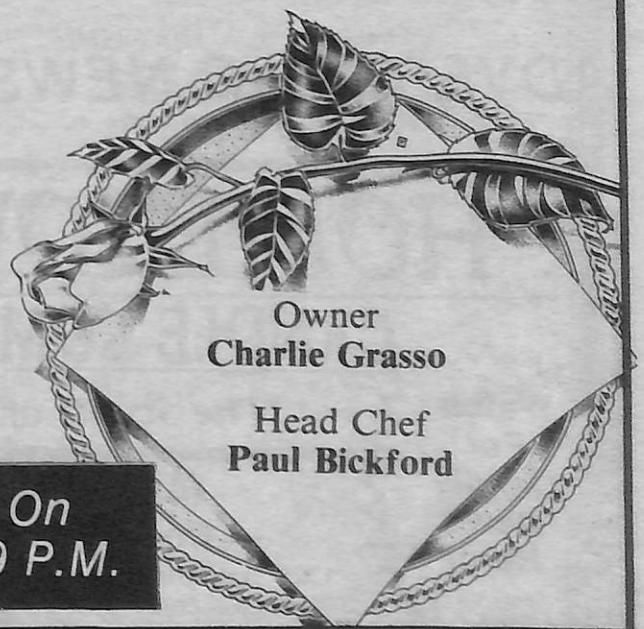
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Edna Krygowski and Helen Haskell at the Council on Aging's fourth annual Senior Center Golf Tournament. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Lucille Drewnowski, Joan Linnehan, Gail Freeman, Paulene Paquette, Jane Schmidt, and Madonna McKinley. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

COA's Fourth Annual Senior Center Golf Tourney Raises \$7,000

Eighty-three golfers participated in the Council on Aging's fourth annual Senior Center Golf Tournament on Friday, May 21st. The tournament raises funds for the expansion and refurbishing of the Senior Center.

This year, approximately \$7,000 was raised. The event was held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and received much assistance from Course Superintendent Ron Dunn and his staff.

The best-ball format was won this year by the foursome of Peter Patterson, Jim Grove, Jim Roberts, and Dan Tabb. Over 90 raffle prizes were contributed by local merchants.

The weathermen cooperated in the event by providing a perfect golf day. Lunch was prepared by the Center staff and the food was donated by vendors.

The COA golf committee is already at work for next year's tournament. The committee is comprised of Chair Paulene Paquette, Vice Chair Jane Schmidt, Vi Presz, Lucille Drewnowski, and Edna Krygowski. The staff was assisted by COA staff Lynn Kazman, Joan Linnehan, Gail Freeman, Peter Mathes, and Rich Mundo.

Also assisting were Town employees Charlotte Cebula, Jeff Hubert, and members of the Assessor's Office.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING TROPHY WINNERS at the Senior Center Golf Tournament: Jim Grove, Peter Patterson, Dan Tabb, Jim Roberts (not pictured), John Polopek, and Clem Chelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

'The Great Pretenders' To Perform Free Show At Agawam Senior Ctr.

"The Great Pretenders" will perform a free show at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, June 8th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy music, dances, songs, and skits.

For further information, contact the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Al Tonelli To Cook Benefit Supper For Disabled Grandchild

Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of the well-known Tonelli's Little River Inn in Westfield, will be serving (along with family and friends) a benefit supper of Chicken & Spaghetti a la Tonelli at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 19th.

The church is located at 1552 West Springfield (Route 20) in West Springfield (phone number 734-9268), and this supper will be held for Tonelli's grandson, Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove.

Jonathan was a victim of a near-drowning acci-

dent and continues to receive 24-hour care. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pampano Beach, Florida.

There will be two sittings for the meal at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained through Al and Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

Last year's event was sold out.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: The newly elected officers of the Agawam Historical Association. Back row — Rick Bellico, President; Marilyn Curry, Vice-President; and Bill Miller, Membership Chairman. Front row — Anne Liptak, Co-archivist; Carol Miller, Treasurer; and Ann Mary Bradford, Corresponding Secretary and Co-archivist. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Agawam Historical Association board members. Back row — John Zebryk, Russell Jenks, Dr. John Rosenberg, Ed Filkoski, and David Cecchi. Front row — Wesley Bradford, Ann Bellico, Marjorie Sherman, and Louis Russo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

At Annual Meeting...

Agawam Historical Assoc. Elects Slate Of Officers

At the recently held Annual Meeting of the Agawam Historical Association, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Richard Bellico; Vice-President, Mrs. Marilyn Curry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nancy Rosner; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ann Bradford; Treasurer, Mrs. Carol Miller; Membership Chairman, Mr. William Miller; Co-archivists, Miss Anne Liptak and Mrs. Bradford.

Executive board members elected were: one year, Mr. Wesley Bradford, Dr. John Rosenberg,

and Mrs. Marjorie Sherman; two years, Mr. Edward Filkoski, Mr. Louis Russo, and Mr. John Zebryk; three years, Mrs. Ann Marie Bellico, Mr. David Cecchi, and retired Fire Chief Russell Jenks.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by President Bellico of a plaque recognizing the many fine contributions outgoing Vice-President Mr. John Zebryk has made to our organization.

Although construction of an addition to contain a handicap-accessible chair lift has been unavoidably delayed, retired Fire Chief Russell Jenks gave an encouraging report: "To the casual

observer, it may appear that little or no construction is currently underway. I am happy to report that 80 percent of the interior has been renovated and materials for the addition will soon be ordered."

President Bellico enthusiastically announced, "We have designated Memorial Day 2000 as the target date for the opening of the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum. I am confident that our membership and the citizens of Agawam will accept the challenge of meeting this doable goal."

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Cosmos	Portulaca
Dahlia	Salvia
Diantus	Snapdragons
Dusty Miller	Verbena
Gazania	Zinnias

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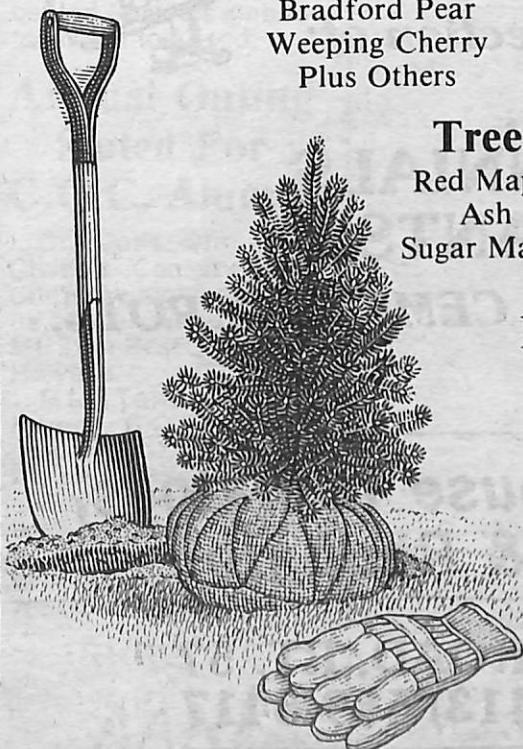
Roses

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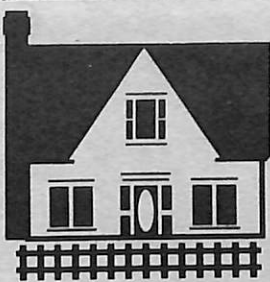
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Vegetable Plants

Cabbage	Eggplant
Broccoli	Onions
Cauliflower	Celery
Collard	Parsley
Kale	Basil
Brussels Sprouts	Dill
Lettuce	Oregano
Peppers	Thyme
Tomatoes	Peppermint



Your Neighbors



“Chick” Kistner Has Worn Many Hats In His Years In Town

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Charles “Chick” Kistner of Elbert Road is a friendly, modest, good-humored man who has been involved for many years with Agawam children as teacher, principal, and coach.

A graduate of Springfield College, he was captain of the Golden Jubilee basketball team in 1941 that raised funds used for formation of the Basketball Hall of Fame. In a recent interview, he added that Springfield College's team played teams like Syracuse that were much bigger than Springfield College was back in those days.

Kistner and Paul Langlois founded the Agawam Town Employees Credit Union, which is currently known as the Agawam Federal Credit Union. He was assistant treasurer for 11 years, and the name change came after a merger with another credit union. “I am number one there,” he said with a grin.

He is now treasurer of the Agawam Retired Employees Association, where retired town treasurer Rudy Altobelli is president. “This group provides information such as speakers, insurance information, and programs that may be of help to retired town employees,” he explained.

A native of Holyoke, Kistner graduated from Holyoke High School and majored in physical education with a minor in history. “And you know, I never taught physical education,” he said, “although I coached many sports and taught history.”

Kistner was still in college when World War II was declared. He recalls being interested in a special Navy program, going to New York City and being interviewed by prize fighter Gene Tunney. “I was advised to complete my college education,” he laughed. “And that was right after Pearl Harbor!”

He recalls, with humor, memorizing the eye test chart to get into the Navy. He primarily taught sailors and conducted and participated in physical education programs and events.

Eventually, he went to Boat Training P.I. School in Maryland, and wound up at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute instructing sailors at a pre-midshipman school. He was discharged at war's end in 1945 as a lieutenant junior grade. His active reserve status ended around 1950 and he said he wishes he continued in the Navy Reserves because of its many benefits.

Kistner was married to the former Doris Partington of Holyoke in 1942 at the Holyoke First Baptist Church. It was a friend who convinced

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 7th: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, green beans, rye bread, plum.

Tuesday, June 8th: Birthday cake, vegetable lasagna, spinach, mini wheat roll, birthday cake.

Wednesday, June 9th: Chicken paprika pie, tossed salad, rye bread, ice cream.

Thursday, June 10th: Escarole soup, meatball grinders, broccoli, pineapple.

Friday, June 11th: Clam chowder, egg salad on a roll, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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CHARLES KISTNER

them that Agawam was a nice place to live. The couple took an apartment on Main Street near Elbert Road, and from there found the property on Elbert Road where the late George Reynolds and Kistner built the Cape Cod house that has been the family home since.

After his Naval stint, Kistner went to graduate school at the University of Massachusetts. He taught at Smith Vocational School in Northampton and in the Williamsburg School System. He began teaching history in Agawam in 1947 and coached basketball and baseball. He also coached football for nine years.

The junior high and high school classes were all held at the school building on Main Street that is now the Agawam Middle School, he explained. The High School building was constructed on Cooper Street in 1954, and the Junior High building was erected on Springfield Street in 1972. He had an opportunity to move to the newer school, but chose to remain at the Main Street facility until he retired in 1981 as its principal. He said he liked working with children in this age group.

Over the years, he was director of the Evening School for two years, was a member of the Lions Club, and worked with Park and Recreation for one term.

The Kistners have three children. They are parents of Lorilee Geissler of West Springfield, Charles (Chipsie) of Rockport, Mass., and Holly Magner of Littleton Commons, Mass. There are five grandchildren.

While Mrs. Kistner belongs to several organizations, most notably at First Congregational Church, which they attend, and the Agawam Women's Club, Kistner enjoys spending time with his family, friends, and traveling.

The couple have had two trips on the Queen Elizabeth to Scotland when their daughter, Holly, and her husband, Robert, lived there.

Dr. Tami Nelson Speaks At Junior Women's Club Mtg.

At the Agawam Junior Women's Club's May meeting, the guest speaker was Dr. Tami Nelson of the Hampden County Chiropractic office.

Dr. Nelson spoke on women's health issues. The discussion consisted of issues of sleep, exercise, diet, and overall well-being.

The Junior Women want to thank Dr. Nelson for an enjoyable discussion and spending an evening with us.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Cindy Sanford-Taylor, President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club; Dr. Tami Nelson, Hampden County Chiropractic; and Betty Vershon, Programs Chairperson of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ALLYSON CHRISTINE SPAFFORD

The Spafford Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Allyson

David and Michelle Spafford (Dargon) of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Allyson Christine.

She was born April 7, 1999 at 5:23 a.m. She weighed 10 pounds, four ounces and was 22 inches long.

Allyson's grandparents are Peter and Jay Dargon of Westfield, Lenore Spafford of Granby, Mass., and Stuart Spafford of Holyoke.

Her great-grandparents are Harry and Mildred Dargon of Westfield, Gladys Mallett of Westfield, and Libby Bogen of Agawam.

Strawberry Supper At Comm. Grange

Community Grange 382 will hold its 20th annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday, June 15th.

The supper will be held at the Grange Hall, located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills. Continuous servings will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of ham, homemade potato salad, baked beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream, and a choice of beverages.

Donation is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Reservations can be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061 or Evelyn at 786-0821. Walk-ins will be accepted, and the public is invited to attend.

Annual Outing Slated For C.C.C. Alumni

On June 9th, the Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni will hold its annual outing at the Mt. Tom Reservation in Holyoke.

Mt. Tom was a former C.C.C. camp (number 1173) back in the mid-1930's.

For more information, call Hubie D'Ambrosio, President, NAC-CCA Chapter 158, at 786-3842.

June Calendar Of Programs At Agawam Public Library

Thursday, June 17th — 6:00 To 8:00 P.M.

We'll offer a balloon sculpture and face painting session with Ed Popielarczyk and friends for Agawam and Feeding Hills kids. Summer Reading Club information and sign-up folders will be available throughout the evening.

Balloon creations will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and no registration is necessary.

Tuesday, June 22nd — 10:00 To 10:45 A.M.

For Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers only, we'll present PUPPETUNES, a combined puppet and musical entertainment program especially suited to kids from 2½ to five years of age.

Call 789-1550 to register.

Thursday, June 24th — 7:00 To 8:00 P.M.

Agawam and Feeding Hills kids (ages four and up) are invited to the CAMP MUCKALUCKA SHOW starring "T Bone."

This interactive variety show will entertain kids and adults alike, and registration in person at the library (750 Cooper Street, Agawam) or by phone (at 789-1550) is a must.

Wednesday, June 30th — 7:00 To 8:00 P.M.

The Gerwick Puppets will perform INSIDE THE HAUNTED HOUSE, an original puppet show complete with music and eerie sounds. This is best suited to kids over age four since it is a bit scary.

Agawam and Feeding Hills families can call 789-1550 to register.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 1999 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium of the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to hear testimony relative to amending

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the existing regulations affecting smoking in certain places.

Per order of F. William Euliano, Chairman
AGAWAM BOARD OF HEALTH
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Looking Forward To The Arts & Craft Fair...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS (above) will be participating in the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, scheduled for this Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam (Route 159).



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Wilma Gillan, Chairperson of the Thermal Imaging Unit Project; Harry Durant, Deacon of First Baptist Church; and Cindy Sanford-Taylor, President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women Receive Check For Thermal Imaging Helmet

The Agawam Junior Women's Club was recently presented a check for the Thermal Imaging Helmet. During the club's May meeting, Harry Durant of the Men's Group at the First Baptist Church presented a check for \$1,501.80. Accepting the check were Club President Cindy Sanford-Taylor and Wilma Gillan.

A portion of this check represented the proceeds from the Men's Group's recently held spaghetti and meatball supper (nearly 200 people attended to support the cause and enjoy the food). In addition, donations were also made by other groups in the church, and Allen Lawnmower made a donation of \$500 in memory of Edith McClean.

This money will go towards the Agawam Junior Women's efforts to raise monies to purchase the Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department. The helmet will help detect where a human or animal is in a smoke-filled room.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Men's Club of the First Baptist Church wish to thank all who participated.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

Agawam Garden Club Hosting Special Recognition Evening

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Agawam Garden Club has a special evening planned where the membership will recognize 11 long-term members. The honored members will be sharing some of their most memorable experiences during their membership with the garden club.

There will be a surprise performance during the evening, so do not miss this event that is planned in honor of our special long-term members.

The guest speaker will be Cindy Duade of Westfield, who will be talking about the Grandmothers' Garden restoration project. Grandmothers' Garden, located in downtown Westfield, was created in 1935 and (at one time) was one of the finest colonial revival gardens in the country.

The meeting location is the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. Guests are always welcome, so bring a friend.

The guest fee is \$1, and refreshments will be served following the program.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 10, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Russo for work to be performed on South Street (Moreau Estates), subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: June 3, 1999

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 10, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Allen Lawnmower for work to be performed on Main Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Jessi Sassarone Becomes Bride Of Danny Barna

Jessi Sassarone and Danny Barna were united in marriage on March 20, 1999. The parents of the bride are Christine and Ron Sassarone of Feeding Hills. The mother of the groom is Theresa Barna of Agawam.

Sharon Prokop served as maid of honor. The best man was Michael Martin.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School. She is presently employed by Fleet Services.

The groom is currently employed by Sound Construction.

The couple will reside in Westfield.



LINDA R. CHMIELEWSKI

Linda R. Chmielewski Honored By BMC

Linda R. Chmielewski of Plantation Drive in Agawam was recently honored for her 30 years of service at Baystate Medical Center.

A "Recognition Awards Dinner" was held at Chez Josef.

Mrs. Chmielewski has served in the Radiology Department, CAT Scan, Special Procedures, and is presently a member of the Medical Physics Department.

She is the wife of retired Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski.

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Calendar Of June Events For Golden Age Club's Chapter 1

Friday, June 4th: Board of Directors' Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

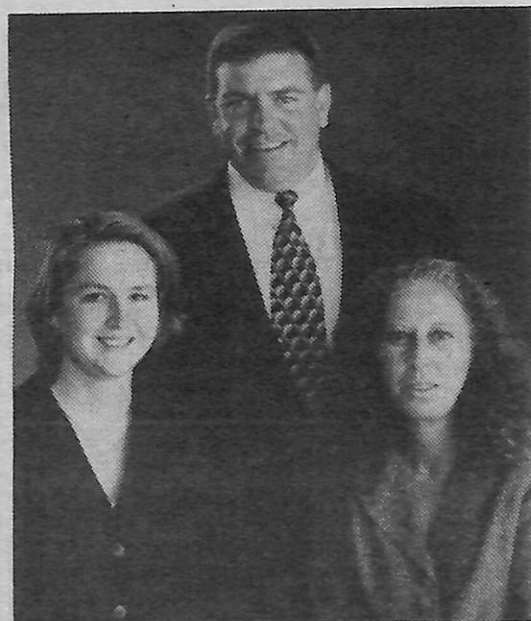
Wednesday, June 9th: Meeting Day at 1:30 p.m. Special speaker will be Marlise Thomas, Community Education Specialist for VNA.

Wednesday, June 23rd: Meeting Day at 1:30 p.m. Program will be "Gift Bingo."

(New members are always welcome! Call Helen Rogers, Membership Chairperson, at 786-3756.)

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Guest Speaker...



VIRGINIA LAKE (left) of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, with guest speaker Sandy Rowley Goldstein and "Vassa." Ms. Goldstein addressed the seniors about blindness. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffield Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free.

For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

Pack 77 Cub Scouts Gearing Up For Their June 12th Bottle Drive

St. John's Pack 77 Cub Scouts will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in St. John's parking lot.

Please donate your redeemable bottles and cans by dropping them off on that Saturday or calling Cathy (786-5103) to arrange for pick-up.

Thanks for your support!

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...



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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
APPROVED ORDINANCE
TOR-99-1

An Ordinance to add Paragraph 82-3 to the Code of the Town of Agawam Relative to Delaying the Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings.

Said Ordinance is of a length too cumbersome for publication. Accordingly, copy of said ordinance is available for reference at the office of the City Clerk, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
Donald M. Rheault, President
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Church News

Communion Breakfast At Oak Ridge Country Club Is A Success

On Sunday, May 16th, St. Theresa's Women's Club and the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony of Padua held a Communion Breakfast at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

A wonderful crowd of over 80 parishioners, family members, and friends enjoyed a beautiful morning and a delicious breakfast at the country club.

The Communion Breakfast featured a guest speaker, Agawam historian Marilyn Curry, who always has an interesting and informative presentation. Mrs. Curry entertained the guests with stories of Agawam's lost treasures, present highlights, and resident ghosts.

Special thanks go out to all those ladies who helped make this another great event for the parishes, and also to the parishioners for their generous donation of door prizes.



AGAWAM HISTORIAN MARILYN CURRY (center) with Dorothy Morris (left), President of the Holy Rosary Society, and Jessie Rivers, President of St. Theresa's Club, at the May 16th Communion Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AT THE COMMUNION BREAKFAST for the St. Theresa's Women's Club and the Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony of Padua. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Dorothy Morris, Janet Gallerani, Rose Montagna, Father William Rousseau (pastor of St. Theresa's and St. Anthony's), Jessie Rivers, and Irene Gallerani. IN PHOTO BELOW: Jessie Rivers, Madeline Belisle, Lynn Dialessi, Fran Berwald, Sandy Webster, and Pat Benoit. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Reflections...

submitted by

Rev. Peter Monahan
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Mercy And Reward...

To some observers, the Christian gospel seems to be rooted in unfairness. They think that, because it would seem that some of the wrong people wind up getting into heaven, while too many of the right people don't.

Our world's system is based upon fundamental fairness. Good is supposed to be rewarded. Good is supposed to triumph over evil. The good people are ultimately supposed to win. If that wasn't so, why does it almost always happen that way in the movies? And, if a movie doesn't end that way, we are left disturbed.

While this world is supposed to operate around fairness, at least in the ideal, the kingdom of heaven doesn't. That bothers some people; that's what also bothered some people in Jesus' day as well.

As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

The question the Pharisees raised presupposes that in God's eyes, there exists a distinction between so-called "good people" (i.e., the Pharisees) and "bad people" (i.e., the tax collectors and "sinners.") There is not even the slightest hint of that in the Bible; indeed, just the opposite is true.

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Even those who are among the best people in the world are sinners before God.

Yet, we are not without hope. What we could not do on our own, God has already done for us! It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by the law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath.

It is not possible for a person to somehow merit the blessings of heaven and eternal life on his or her own. We all know we're not perfect, each of us has made mistakes. We can't afford to stand before God on our own, because the law brings wrath. "If you commit the crime, you must do the time."

God does not want to be in the business of punishing sinners. God wants to be in the business of forgiving people and establishing us in a right relationship with Himself. As for trying to do that on our own, God says, "Forget it."

"I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it." What could we possibly give to God that doesn't already belong to Him?

All God ever asks of anybody is that we humble ourselves before Him, and acknowledge our need of Him. The same rules apply to the so-called "saint" as well as to the so-called "scoundrel."

"Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; and I will deliver you, and you will honor Me."

It's really not too much to ask, of anyone. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace.

9th Annual McCobb Golf Tourney Slated For Sat., June 5th

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5th, at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

This is your last chance to sign up! The \$35 fee includes greens, cart, and a buffet dinner (which will begin at 6:30 p.m.).

For tee times and reservations, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783; Warren Parker, 786-5392; or the church office, 786-7111.

"Spring Into Summer" Fair Slated For This Sat., June 5th, At Agawam Congregational

Come and join in the "Spring Into Summer" Fair on Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

There will be a Garden Gate Shop featuring flower decor for your home, as well as a variety of plants. Also notice our table of supplies for your spring gardening.

At the Gift Shop and Craft Table, a collection of handcrafted and gift articles awaits you. Visit the Attic Treasures Booth for surprises and bargains.

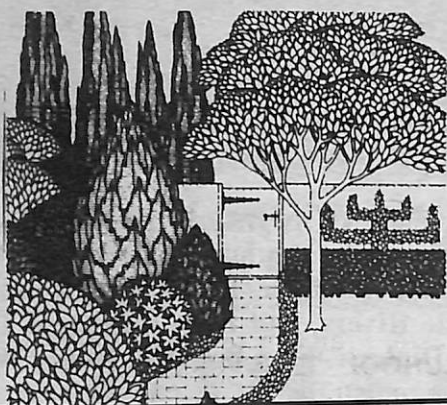
There will be vendor booths that include crafts, jewelry, collectibles, and much more. Select some new items for your wardrobe; clothes from area boutiques and high-quality, pre-owned clothing

will be displayed for sale in the Friendship Room for men, women, and children.

Treat yourself to a bag of fresh, hot, buttered popcorn at the Popcorn Vending Machine.

The Daffodil Lunch Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop for rest and refreshment, and enjoy a choice of salad plate or sandwich plate with pickle and chips (choices will be ham and pickle, seafood, or egg). Dessert will be a brownie with ice cream and chocolate sauce, or a fruit compote. Tea, coffee, or a cold drink is included. The cost will be \$4.50.

There will be an exciting raffle that will appeal to all generations.



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Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 6th, is Communion Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The 10:30 a.m. Worship Service will also be Church School Day, Teacher and Senior Recognition Day. The 1999 Confirmation Class will receive their Bibles as well.

Rev. Fuller's Children's Message will be, "You Are A Blessing." Join us for this special service for our Church School.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

We are looking for small stuffed animals (new or almost new) to give out as prizes for the carnival at the "Spring into Summer Fair" on June 5th.

Call the church office, 786-7111, to drop off the prizes.

The Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Golf Course.

All golfers are welcome, and there will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes!

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Family & Youth Outreach Ministries.

The "Spring into Summer Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts, flea market finds, a carnival area, a delicious luncheon, and surprises. Join us!

For further information, contact the church office, 786-7111.

The Summer Church School Program will begin on Sunday, June 13th.

Mark your calendars today! The Annual Strawberry Supper is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes ham and beans, potato salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and homemade strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream.

All this for \$7 for an adult ticket, and \$4 for children 10 and under.

The Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day). The special Father's Day Worship Service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible Camp is planned for July 26th through July 30th. It will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 noon.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Weekly Calendar Of News And Notes From
St. John The Evangelist Church In Agawam

STAFF CHANGES

Sr. Frances White will officially leave us this week as she prepares to assume her duties on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph. We have searched for a replacement and trust that our efforts have been successful. Sr. Mary Clare Finn, SSJ, will be joining the Staff on August 1st.

We are sad to see Sr. Frances Gloster leaving us also. Sister has done a fine job in the role of Director of Religious Education for the past three years, and has done yeoman service in that role. We will miss her diligence and devotion to duty, spending many, many hours in private instructions for children who could not make the regular sessions (this in addition to overseeing our Religious Education program of almost 600 children).

St. John's has the privilege again of hosting a seminarian who is entering his final year of studies at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Boston. John Gawienowski will be joining us this weekend for the summer, and there to be here weekends until his ordination next June.

BIBLE CAMP

Our Annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

A letter for pre-registration for Religious Education for next September was mailed recently. The deadline for returning the form is August 1st.

If there are any problems or questions, call Sister Francis Gloster at 786-8105.

JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many pro-

jects we hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Each of the clubs and organizations in the parish is encouraged to be involved in at least one such project.

You will not be around for the next millennium ... make sure you take some active role in this very special commemoration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus.

ANointing MASS

Our Annual Anointing Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th. We invite all of our shut-ins who are able to come to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

With a community of over 6,000, we should have many who could help with our Religious Education Program. We do not expect "college professors," but an ordinary, committed Christian like you.

We even have a suggestion to help if you would like to help next fall. The Diocesan Office of Religious Education is sponsoring two courses this summer: "Teaching Religion Effectively" (for grades one through six) and "Adolescent Catechesis" (for ages seven through 10). The first one for the younger grades will be on Tuesdays, June 29th through July 27th, and the program for adolescents will be on Thursday nights, July 1st through July 29th.

PARISH PICNIC

Save the date — August 29th! We expect to use our own St. John's field for this event.

Maryann Green has accepted the role of chairman for this year's affair, and is well under way in getting things started.

Want to help? Give us a call.

Strawberry Supper To Be Held On Thursday,
June 17th, At Agawam Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Thursday, June 17th, at 5:30 p.m.

The supper will include ham, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, rolls, and beverages. The dessert will be homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for

children.

The dinner will be held at the church, which is located at 745 Main Street, Agawam. Reservations are recommended, but a few walk-ins will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling Anne Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 16th.

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READ:
1 Timothy 1:12-17

This is a faithful saying . . . that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
—1 Timothy 1:15

When the great Puritan preacher Thomas Hooker (1586-1647) was on his deathbed, a friend tried to console him by saying, "Brother Hooker, you are going to receive your reward." "No, no!" he breathed. "I go to receive mercy!"

In sharp contrast, A. W. Tozer recalled the prayer of a man who had the idea that he could earn heaven as a reward for trying to keep the Ten Commandments. It went something like this: "Now, God, I admit I have not kept number 1 and number 3 and number 7 and number 9. But remember, Father, that I have kept all the others."

How foolish! This man failed to see that if he had broken one commandment, he was guilty of breaking them all (Jas. 2:10). His works were earning him condemnation, not salvation.

As the apostle Paul reviewed his 30-plus years of sacrificial service, he saw himself as the "chief" of sinners and totally dependent on God's mercy. Although he undoubtedly anticipated the rewards he would receive, he gloried only in the cross (Gal. 6:14). There Jesus paid the price for sin so that everyone who trusts in Him will receive mercy.

The wonder of God's mercy and grace! Someday I will "go to receive mercy." I hope you will too. —HVL

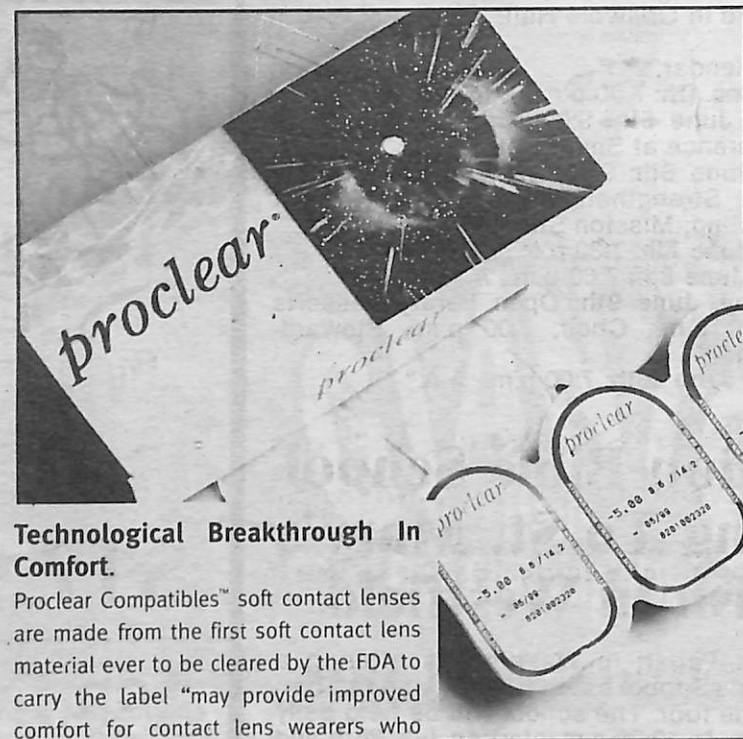
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,

For, O my God, it found out me;

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Church News - continued...

News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion.

The lectionary readings for the second Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12 (or Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15); Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "Everything Depends on Having Faith in God."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be a special meeting following worship on June 6th. We will be discussing the Big E project, new office equipment, and rewriting our church's mission statement.

Please remain after morning worship for these important discussions. A buffet luncheon will be served.

On Sunday, June 6th, we will take our annual Strengthen the Church collection. Today, as two thousand years ago, the Holy Spirit calls us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the spiritually hungry world.

We can do that through our gifts to this "thank" offering which supports the present-day Apostles who have been called into action. The Strengthen the Church Offering also underwrites many of the programs and resources used by our pastoral and lay leaders.

Now and through June 13th, the Board of Stewardship & Missions is taking a collection of Health and School kits for Church World Services. The refugee crisis in Kosovo has depleted inventories of these kits.

Checklists for the contents of each kit are available in Griswold Hall by the bulletin board. Please return completed kits to the box here at the church.

CWS is now asking that you include \$1/kit to help cover transit costs of kits to their final destination. If you choose to do so, you may leave the money with the kit, or in the Stewardship mailbox.

Please help CWS replenish their stocks by furnishing a kit or two!

Don't forget! Next Sunday we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, June 9th.

If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contributions to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

On the calendar:

Friday, June 4th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Saturday, June 5th: 9:00 a.m., Western Area Youth Conference at Smith College.

Sunday, June 6th: 9:30 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; Strengthen the Church collection; Special Meeting; Mission Statement Luncheon.

Monday, June 7th: 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, June 8th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, June 9th: Open Pantry desserts needed; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:00 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Thursday, June 10th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Vacation Bible School Coming To St. Mary's Parish In Westfield

St. Mary's Parish in Westfield is offering a Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten through grade four. The school will be held daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting July 26th and ending July 30th.

Through a grant from the Shurtleff Foundation, the fee is reduced to \$25 per child. No child will be excluded because of inability to pay.

We will pray, have Bible stories, related educational activities, arts and crafts, music, and a snack will be provided. To register, please call Lori at the Development Office, 86 Mechanic Street, Westfield, at 568-1160.

We need your help! Teachers for classroom, arts and crafts, and music are needed, as well as junior counselors (youth from grade five through high school). If you can help out in any way, please contact Lori at 568-1160.

Catholic Women's Club Holds Banquet...



THE BANQUET COMMITTEE of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam: Monique Coman, Carolyn Fiester, Rosalie Ross, Peggy Lepper, Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, Elaine Smith, Mary Gontczaruk, and co-chairwomen Jane Trevethan and Angela Beaudry. (Missing from photo: Ann Jackobek and Paula Raiche.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



INCOMING OFFICERS WHO WERE RECENTLY INSTALLED at the Catholic Women's Club's banquet: Joan Malinoski, Mary Gontczaruk, Theresa Barlow, Jackie Toussaint, Angela Beaudry, Janet Wysocki, Betsy Ciempa, Alice Buell, and Peggy Lepper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Church News - continued...

In Preparation...



TOM MOORE of The Steeple People Co. is sitting pretty from his lofty perch on the bell tower of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. The church and grounds are getting spruced up in preparation for the new pastor Rev. Gene de Jongh, who arrives from Illinois in early June.

Feast Of St. Anthony Of Padua To Begin On Saturday, June 5th

You are welcomed, invited, and encouraged to celebrate with the members of the St. Anthony of Padua Church the Feast of their Patron SAINT ANTHONY and the HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY on their 75th anniversary.

The celebration will begin with a novena (nine days of prayer) commencing this Saturday, June 5th (see the schedule below). Days that are not designated as a day of Mass will have prayer, readings, and reflection on the life of St. Anthony.

If you are able to attend all nine days, you will have a full biographical sketch of the patron St. Anthony. Prayer will take about a half hour with novena prayers and chaplet to St. Anthony.

The celebration will end on the Feast Day, June 13th, where the rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. followed by Mass, where the novena will be completed and the chaplet prayed. Following the Mass, a parade through the neighborhood with St. Anthony's statue being carried on the shoulders of the parishioners will take place and end up at the festival at St. Anthony's of Padua Church grounds on Walnut Street, Agawam.

There will be music, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and entertainment for everyone (\$4 per person). Sweets and goodies will be served to all by the Holy Rosary Society in the church hall, where they will be displaying their memorabilia and that of the parish.

Plan to participate. Plan to join our intentions in prayer (novena/chaplet). Learn about the patron St. Anthony. Enjoy the fellowship of our parish families, all while celebrating the ladies of the Holy Rosary Society and the history of this church parish.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- * Saturday, June 5th: 9:00 a.m., Mass.
- * Sunday, June 6th: 2:00 p.m., Prayers.
- * Monday, June 7th: 7:00 p.m., Prayers.
- * Tuesday, June 8th: 7:00 p.m., Prayers.
- * Wednesday, June 9th: 7:00 p.m., Prayers.
- * Thursday, June 10th: 7:00 p.m., Prayers (St. Theresa's).
- * Friday, June 11th: 7:00 p.m., Prayers.
- * Saturday, June 12th: 9:00 a.m., Mass.
- * Sunday, June 13th: 1:30 p.m., Mass & Celebration.

Thanks For Everything You've Done...



THE OUTGOING OFFICERS of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam: Betsy Ciempa (President), Carol Pignatare (1st Vice-President), Theresa Longo (2nd Vice-President), Alice Buell (Secretary), Joan Malinoski (Treasurer), Martha Jerry (Assistant Treasurer), and directors Gloria Colby, Eleanor Balboni, and Barbara Phau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

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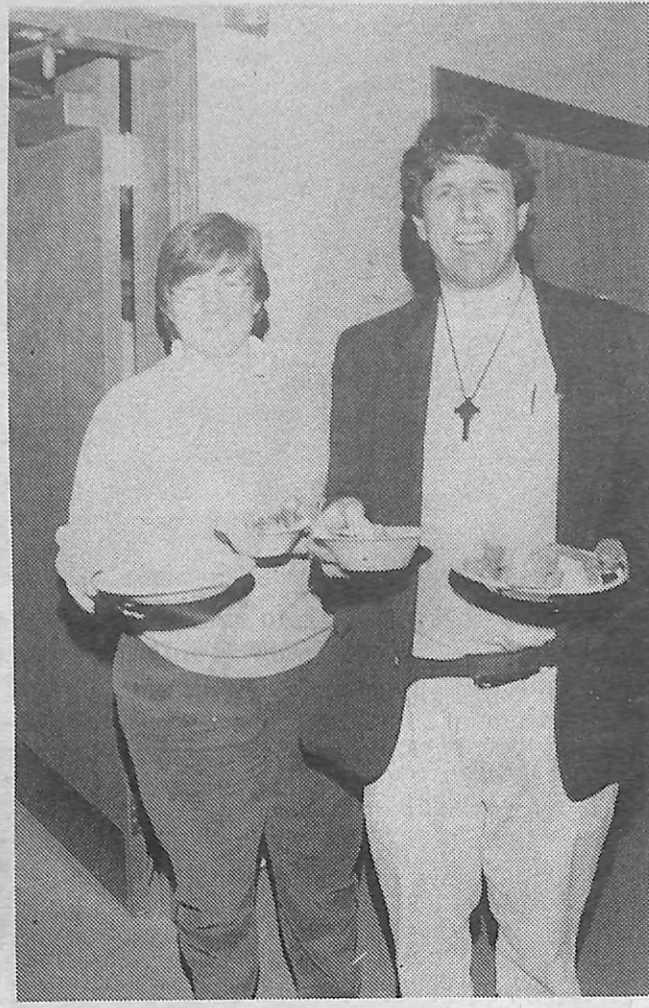
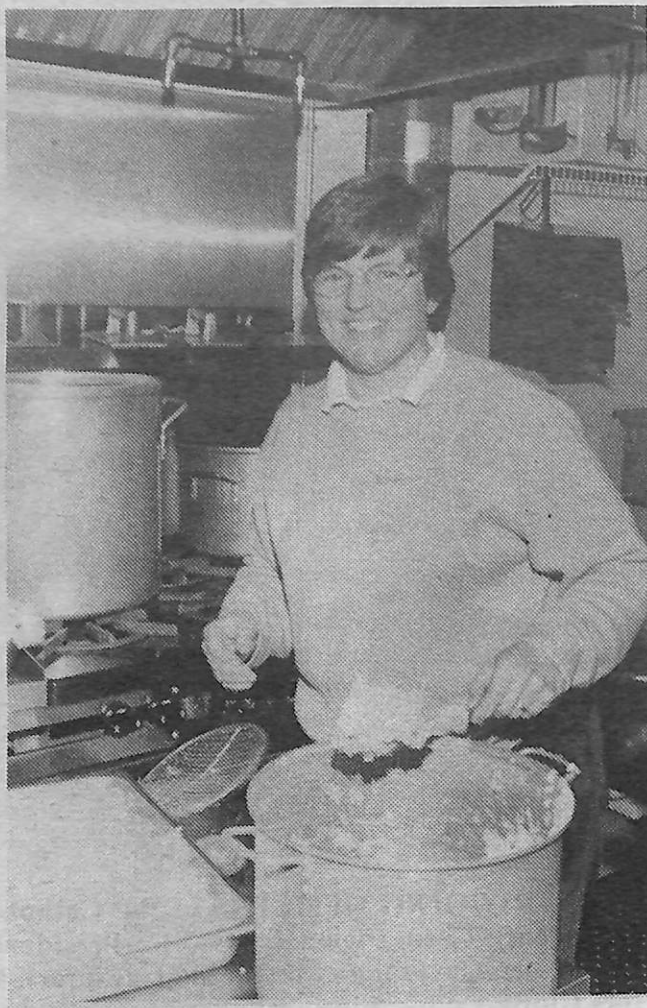
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Church News - continued...

Roast Pork Supper At St. David's Church



IN EARLY MAY, St. David's Episcopal Church held a roast pork supper. From left to right: "saladmeister" Joanne Hudson; Hallie Cowan enjoys whipping those potatoes; and Hallie with her husband, The Reverend Len Cowan, pastor of St. David's Episcopal Church. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business



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Some Unusual/Fun Facts...

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
 - A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
 - A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.
 - A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
 - A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
 - A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
 - Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
 - All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
 - All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
 - All porcupines float in water.
 - Almonds are a member of the peach family.
 - An animal epidemic is called an epizootic.
 - An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
 - Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.
 - Camel's milk does not curdle.
 - Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, while dogs only have about 10.
 - Cats' urine glows under a black light.
 - Did you know that there are coffee-flavored PEZ?
 - "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
 - Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.
 - Facetious and abstemious contain all the vowels in the correct order, as does arsenious, meaning "containing arsenic."
 - "Hang On Snoopy" is the official rock song of Ohio.
 - If you bring a raccoon's head to the Henniker, New Hampshire town hall, you are entitled to receive \$.10 from the town.
 - In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
 - In every episode of "Seinfeld," there is a Superman somewhere.
 - In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
 - In the 1940's, the FCC assigned television channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.
 - It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. (DON'T try this at home!)
 - John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.
 - Lorne Greene had one of his nipples bitten off by an alligator while he was host of "Lorne Greene's Wild Kingdom."
 - Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula" - and can be abbreviated to 3.63 percent of its size: "L.A."
 - Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
 - Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.
 - Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical most commonly used to clean elephants.
 - No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
 - Non-dairy creamer is flammable.
 - On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American flag.
 - On an American one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield," and a spider hidden in the front upper right-hand corner.
 - Pamela Anderson Lee is Canada's Centennial Baby, being the first baby born on the centennial anniversary of Canada's independence.
 - Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
 - Pinocchio is Italian for "pine head."
 - Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
 - "Stewardess" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.
- (More "unusual/fun" facts will be published next week.)

Raymond Rose is the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online.



LEANNE HERRIGAN

At Westbank...

Leanne Horrigan Is Branch Manager Of West Spfld. Office

Leanne Horrigan has been appointed Branch Manager of the Main Office, located on Park Avenue in West Springfield, according to Donald R. Chase, President and Chief Executive Officer of Park West Bank and Trust Company.

Ms. Horrigan is a 1991 graduate of Westfield High School. She received her Associate of Science degree in Business Administration at Johnson & Wales University, Providence, Rhode Island, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing at Elms College in Chicopee.

She is currently enrolled in the MBA program, concentrating in Finance, at Western New England College in Springfield.

Ms. Horrigan is a long-time resident of Westfield, where she lives with her daughter, Ambra Maymon, who attends St. Mary's Elementary School in Westfield.

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You will submit earnest money with your offer. If you buy the house, the earnest money is applied to the down payment or closing costs. If your offer isn't accepted, your money will be refunded.

The seller will either accept or reject your offer. If the offer is rejected, you may be presented with a counteroffer.

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue N. Alvanos
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Is Your Pension Miscalculated?

Are you someone who enjoys garage sales or auctions? If you do, chances are part of your enjoyment is knowing the retail price of an item and buying it for less. While most Americans know prices for everyday items, many are unaware of the value of something much more vital to their futures: their pensions.

Pension calculations are complicated and subject to inadvertent error. The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) audits pension plans terminated at the option of the employer as part of its standard termination audit program. PBGC data from 1986-1995 shows that pension miscalculations increased from 2.8 percent to more than eight percent of those surveyed. Approximately a third of the miscalculations caused participants to be underpaid by at least \$1,000.

Following are a few common causes of pension miscalculations:

- Approximately 80 percent of errors involve the use of incorrect interest rate tables.
- If a pension's value is based on salary, employers may erroneously include or fail to include bonuses or overtime in their calculations.
- Eligibility rules requiring at least 1,000 hours of work per year may be interpreted to exclude part-time employees. (Part-timers may be eligible for a pro rata part of the full-time benefit.)
- An outdated or incorrect vesting schedule is used.
- A company may have moved or changed its name.
- A "break in service" could reduce or wipe out a pension.
- A company switches pension plans, and the old plan was not included.

A confusing situation may develop for retirees who continue to work past age 65. If a retiree returns to work for the same employer after he or she officially retires, the company may limit the total number of years of service that determine benefit accruals. Other difficulties arise for those who may have breaks in service.

For example, women may have gone into and out of the workforce when balancing family and work needs. This can often add to the difficulty in calculating pension benefits.

In response to these and other situations, last year the U.S. Congress considered legislation to create a pension counseling program and hotline to help educate Americans about their pension benefits.

The bill, the "Pension Assistance and Counseling Act," would have created a network of regional organizations to answer questions about pensions. Congress adjourned before the bill was formally debated, but there are plans to reintroduce it later this year.

In the meantime, if you are concerned that your pension benefits may be miscalculated, the

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following steps may help you:

- If you are retired, ask the pension administrator(s) at your former employer(s) to recalculate your pension. If your benefits seem incorrect, ask for a copy of the formula and worksheet for calculating the pension, which you will need to further pursue your inquiry.

- If you are currently working and will receive pension benefits when you retire, make sure the information on your personal benefit statement is correct — including your Social Security number, your date of birth, and the date you started with the company. Also, be sure to save your pay stubs.

- For advocacy and counseling, request a list of the federally-funded pension counseling centers from the Pension Rights Center in Washington, D.C. at (202) 296-3776.

- For brochures on your legal rights, call the U.S. Labor Department, Pension and Welfare

Benefits Administration at (800) 998-7542. They can refer you to a regional Department of Labor office and a pension benefit advisor.

- For information on federal pension legislation, contact your U.S. representatives or the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. The committee can be reached by phone at (202) 224-5364.

- You may also contact PBGC at (202) 326-4000. The PBGC can help you if a plan terminates or fails financially, but the organization does not check the accuracy of pension checks.

Your pension, Social Security, and retirement investments and savings are the "three-legged stool" of retirement income. It is important to make sure the pension benefits you are owed are correct.

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How To Take The "Sting" Out Of Insect Stings...

It's almost summer — you know, warm days and warm nights. It's great being outside all the time.

There are a few irritants, though. They are those pesky insects that seem to love me this season (mosquitos, bees, and other flying things).

Here are some suggestions to help combat these frustrating flyers:

- To discourage mosquitos, rub your exposed skin with oil of citronella, camphor, or clove.

- Pieces of raw pork used to rub your face, arms, and neck is also said to be helpful. (This information comes from the Farmer's Almanac Calendar. I personally have not used these remedies, but if you do, let me know how they work.)

For bee stings, here are some suggestions to minimize the pain taken from the Home Remedies Handbook:

- Apply unseasoned meat tenderizer. Mix one teaspoon of meat tenderizer with a few drops of water and apply right to the sting for almost instant relief. An enzyme in the tenderizer dissolves the toxins injected into the skin by the bee.

- Try a baking soda paste. This relieves the itching and swelling but won't neutralize the venom.

- Scrape the stinger out. Do not squeeze the stinger; lift gently and scrape it out to prevent it from releasing more venom into the skin.

- Put it on ice. This may reduce some swelling.

- Take an antihistamine. This may relieve itching.

Finally, here are some tips on how to prevent future stings:

- Keep your cool. Getting agitated and flapping at the insect may incite it to sting.

- Unsweeten your sweat. Some believe that eating onions and garlic or taking high doses of vitamin B may attract fewer insects.

- Don't wear bright, flowery clothes or rough fabrics.

- Go fragrance-free.

- Leave bright, shiny jewelry at home.

- Keep your shoes on.

- Keep food covered when outside.

- Watch what you drink from.

- Be aware of your surroundings. Disturbing a nest can irritate the insects.

Keep healthy, happy, and safe this summer!
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"Let's Talk About It"

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A Time To Remember!

This past weekend was Memorial Day weekend, a chance to get away, have some extra time to do some things around the house or yard, catch a special sale, get together to share friendship, enjoy the weather we had, and a **time to remember!**

MEMORIAL DAY: TO COMMEMORATE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCED KILLED IN WAR (The American Heritage Dictionary). To have a memory means we have the ability to remember.

Just a few days ago, we were once again invited as a nation to remember those who died and whose service to our country contributed to the freedoms we enjoy today. Memorial Day is yet another opportunity to connect-the-dots of our common story. It is an opportunity to further appreciate the multigenerational connection we all share.

Most people attempting to affect change today do not have to die for their cause as did the brave women and men of our past and present armed forces. Personal change, however, requires from us an appreciation of the historical context of our own multigenerational family context (not excluding other areas needing our attention as well).

Using our memory to remember our recent and

distant past may be a challenge. Facing the patterns formed and passed down through the generations is important to honor, to respect, and to remember. Similar to the challenge to face the overwhelming gravity and death of the many persons killed in war, a person can be overwhelmed by the challenge to remember their personal past. The past may be filled with tragedy and secrets that are just too painful to remember.

Many people do survive and some do not survive the tragedy of war as well as the tragedy of an abusive relationship, both past and present. Some people often work hard at **not** remembering, attempting to quiet the pain and shame that marks family membership. Some feel that they are not truly free to disclose or open up to the possibilities of talking about it for fear of retaliation today or even from the memory of the past infiltrating their present.

There is a time to remember and a time to refrain from a memory. Healing and caring for self is not a "one-size-fits-all" formula. It is unique to you, your multigenerational context, and ability to function in relationships today. While it is vital that we remember our past, it is equally vital that we **live into being more than our function!** True-authentic living can mean growing from and facing our past into a future where change and freedom abound that honors, respects, and remembers!

Please e-mail or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and Let's Talk About It.

Dan Pender, MA, MFT, is a Marriage & Family Therapist with a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy and can be reached by "e-mail" (look for address in his advertisement) or "P.O. Box 449," Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460.

State Rep. Keenan's Office Has Information On Medicare HMO Drug Benefit Changes

Senior citizens confused about Medicare HMO drug benefit changes can contact State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's office to obtain a pamphlet outlining the different financial assistance programs offered by health plans.

To obtain a pamphlet, Rep. Keenan can be con-

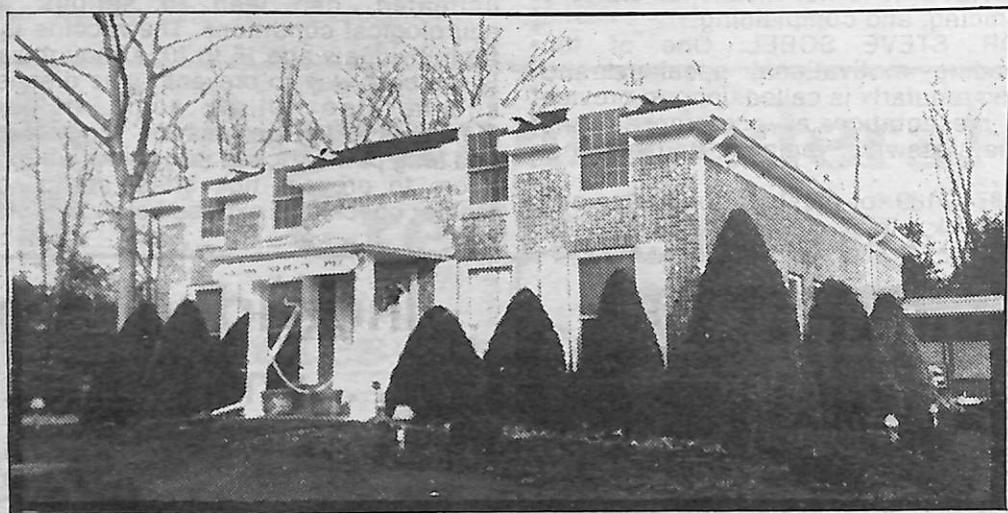
tacted at (413) 786-4545.

The basic pharmacy benefit structure and the one-year transitional programs vary somewhat from plan to plan. Plans highlighted on the pamphlet are: Tufts, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Fallon, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

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 - Stop whining - start winning!
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 - If you hope to peacefully co-exist with your teenager, then you will need to practice the art of compromise more often. You cannot always be General Patton.
 - Taking a nap when needed is a courageous act, not a cowardly event!
 - Yes, even a guy named Tex can stand to read a little more poetry.
 - Fall asleep more often WHILE reading a good book - you'll have great dreams.
 - Wear your red foam clown nose while you fill your car up with gas at the self-serve. It makes the people who are at full serve feel uncomfortable and guilty.
 - Don't be afraid to ask some kind soul to rub your sore and tense shoulders. I stop people all the time at the supermarket and say, "Hey, would you mind rubbing out the knots in my shoulders and back?"
 - Wear outrageous underwear to work, especially on those days when you can tell it will be one of those days!!! The effect is remarkable!
 - Stop eating lunch or taking breaks with negative people, they will ruin your meal.
 - Teach a parrot to talk, you will both learn a lot about perseverance and patience.
 - Know that moods are meant to pass. Accept it.
 - When you jog, stop looking like you just ran 27 miles through the Sahara desert - smile a little! What is that painful look all about?
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SUPPORT GROUPS

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Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, June 9th and 23rd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On June 9th, the topic will be "New Findings and Treatments for Strokes" with Armand Aliotta, M.D. On June 23rd, the topic will be "Different Types of Strokes: Left Brain, Right Brain, and Brainstem" (speaker to be announced).

Diabetes: Tuesday, June 22nd, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

Better Breathers: Wednesday, June 9th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

Tom Tremblay, RRT, CPFT, will present "Environmental Concerns for the Patient with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease." Please call 572-5081 with any questions.

Noble Hospital's Health Dept. Has Lyme Disease Vaccine

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is spread by the bite of a certain kind of tick, often called the deer tick.

Lyme disease can lead to potentially dangerous health problems. For the first time, there is a vaccine available to ward off this disease. If you are interested in receiving this vaccine or in more information, please contact Noble Hospital's Occupational Health Department at 572-5084. There is a charge for this vaccine.

Who is at risk for Lyme disease? Lyme disease is spreading across the country with the greatest concentration being in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and Pacific Coastal areas. Individuals at risk for Lyme disease are those who are active outdoors gardening, walking dogs, hiking, golfing, working, hunting, doing yard work, or just living near grassy fields or woods.

Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose and if left untreated, can lead to serious joint and neurological conditions. The vaccine is available for individuals age 15 to 70. Although vaccination is the best way to prevent Lyme disease, people should also follow some tick-avoidance measures, such as wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants tucked into socks when in the outdoors to prevent tick bites, and also conduct regular checks on exposed skin and clothing.

COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, June 17th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, June 15th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

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The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, June 16th and 23rd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

Cancer Support Group Meets On Mondays At At Mercy Hospital

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

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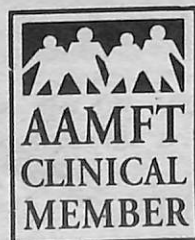
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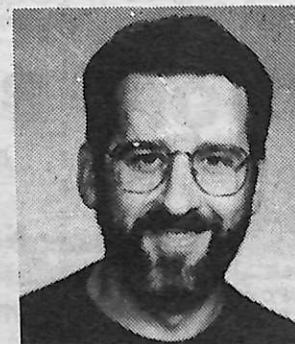
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Arts



MARY BALLARD OF LONGMEADOW, who'll present a watercolor program at the Agawam Community Artists' June 7th meeting.

Agawam Community Artists To Present Watercolor Program

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present member artist Mary Ballard of Longmeadow on Monday evening, June 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. Mrs. Ballard will present a watercolor study of iris.

After painting in oil and acrylic, Mrs. Ballard became interested in watercolors while taking classes in 1985 at Bay Path College in Longmeadow. With a particular interest in floral designs, her award-winning works have been shown in many shows throughout the area.

Mrs. Ballard finds her greatest source of inspiration has come from fellow artists and the ability to share with each other in such clubs as the Agawam Community Artists, the Springfield Art League, and the Tobacco Valley Art League.

Currently, she is teaching budding young artists (ages seven to 12) in a program called "Paints and Point" at the Jewish Community Center in Longmeadow.

Please take this opportunity to join us for our final presentation of the 1999 spring season. Under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council, meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists are free and open to the public. Watch for additional information on our upcoming demonstrations and workshops starting in September of 1999.

For additional information regarding the Agawam Community Artists or any of the artists that have been featured in our schedule of monthly programs, please contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

A REMINDER ... The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be holding its 25th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair this Saturday, June 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam



LAURA LEZON, ROBERT HARRISON, and rehearsal pianist **MAGGIE HILL-SARNO** rehearse a musical number for The Great Pretenders' Revue, which will be held June 10th-13th at the Longmeadow First Church. Call 739-2111 or 821-1309 for tickets and additional information.

Western Mass. Great Pretenders Are Busy Rehearsing For Their 1st Show

The Western Massachusetts Great Pretenders have been busy rehearsing for the group's first show, which will be held in Longmeadow from June 10th through June 13th.

The Great Pretenders Revue will be a fast-paced show of music, dance, and comedy. The Irish dancers will be led by Eireann McCormack of Agawam, an award-winning Irish dancer who will soon be touring with the famed "Riverdance" group. She will be joined on stage by her 10 year-old niece and five year-old nephew.

The musical numbers (most from Broadway shows) will be accompanied by Frank Jackson, who is well-known in this area for his musical talents. The chorus of 14 is being directed by Jerry Millette, with choreography by Roxanne Lobato (a singer/actress/choreographer from Easthampton

who'll also join in the musical portion of the show).

And for those that enjoy comedy more than anything musical, there's plenty of that, too. With skits and gags, you can chuckle or laugh heartily at the humor (which has been designed with families in mind).

The show begins at 7:00 p.m. on June 10th, 11th, and 12th, and at 2:00 p.m. on June 13th. It will run about two hours — long enough to send you away entertained, but not exhausted.

Producer-directors Jerry and Cil Millette of Agawam have been in community theater for several years, and will be bringing their expertise to this show.

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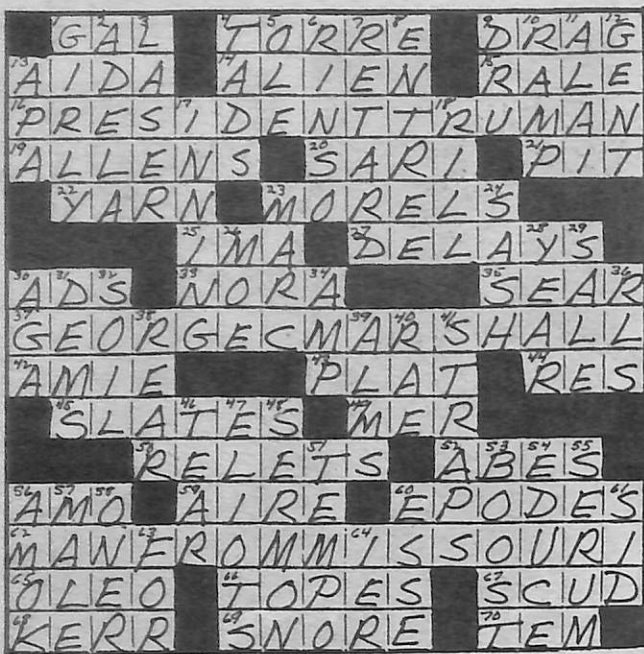
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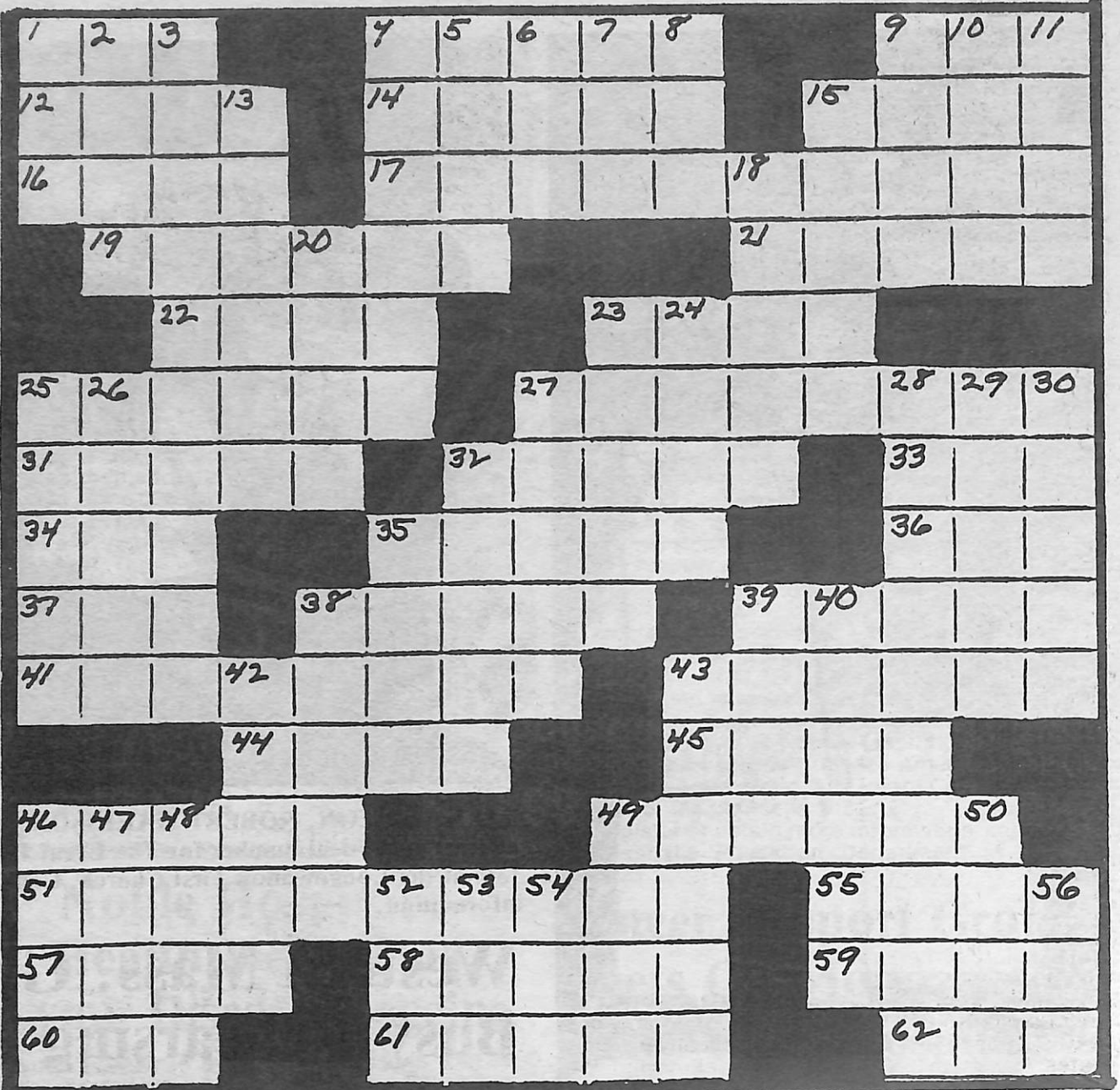
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St. Martha Players To Hold Auditions

The St. Martha Players of Enfield will be holding auditions for their fall musical, **State Fair**, on June 6th at 1:00 p.m., and June 7th at 7:00 p.m. Auditions will be held in Goulet Hall of St. Martha Church at 214 Brainard Road in Enfield.

All auditioning must be prepared to sing a song of their choice. If the selection is not from the show, auditioners should bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. For further information regarding the auditions, please call (860) 745-6368 or (413) 733-5737.

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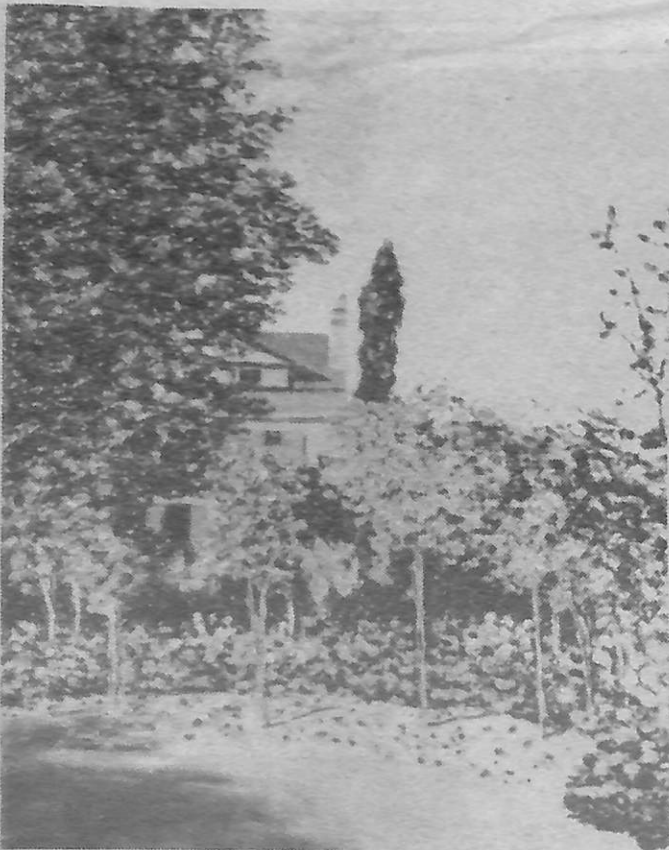
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AN OIL ON CANVAS by Richard Nowak, whose work will be on display in the Agawam Public Library's gallery during June.

Artwork By Westfield Painter On Display At The Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to present the artwork of Richard Nowak from Westfield in the gallery of the Agawam Public Library for the month of June.

Working from photographs and his memory, Richard paints landscapes and florals primarily of New England, using oil paint on canvas. He states, "I handle the paint loosely, allowing the actual texture of the impasto paint strokes to convey the feeling of delight that the paint surface brings out in me."

"The applying of luscious rich oil paint is almost a spiritual experience as a picture of the landscape takes form. The landscape or floral paintings are intended to emotionally uplift and delight the observer with the texture of its paint surface and high keyed colors."

"Recently, I have utilized a new medium painting with printing ink on watercolor paper with oil pastel on the dried surface. Again, texture and high-keyed colors dramatize the delight the act of painting produces in the artist and the uplifting experience that the natural landscapes have, hopefully on the observer."

Mr. Nowak has exhibited his work at the Westfield Athenaeum, Springfield Art League Invitation, WestFest Arts Festival, Copper Rail Gallery in Westfield, Mill Street Gallery in Greenfield, and has also donated artwork to the Channel 57 Art Auction, Springfield. He is a member of the Springfield Art League.

The gallery hours for viewing the artwork are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

Benefit Performance At Red Door Theatre...



MARGIE SECORA of Southwick, STEVE SANDS of Agawam, and LYLE PEARSONS of Suffield rehearse a scene from the musical "Adam and Eve," which will be performed for one night only this Saturday, June 5th, at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. This performance will be held in conjunction with a 6:30 p.m. benefit spaghetti dinner at Valley Community Church. For tickets and more information, call 786-2445 or 789-2026.

The Theater Project Announces Auditions For 1999-2000 Season Local Performers Are Encouraged To Participate In Casting Call For Roles

A series of dates has been reserved for Valley Equity and non-Equity talent to audition for roles in the Theater Project's 1999-2000 season, according to Producing Director Danny Eaton. Interested actors, singers, dancers, and musicians are encouraged to take part, as are backstage talent including stage managers, lighting and set designers, and production assistants.

Auditions will be held at the Majestic Theater, located at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield, on June 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 14th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., and on June 12th and 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Musical talent will be auditioned specifically on June 9th, 11th, 13th. Performers must call the Majestic Theater at (413) 747-7797 to book an appointment for their audition. Singers need to bring a cassette tape to accompany themselves, while actors are encouraged to "bring themselves," according to Eaton.

The 1999-2000 season, the third for the Theater Project, will open on September 23rd with *Slide Show*, a musical inspired by the life story of conjoined sisters Daisy and Violet Hilton, who performed in vaudeville during the Depression. The show will run through October 23rd.

On *Golden Pond*, which runs November 11th through December 11th, is the play that eventually became the award-winning film about elderly Ethel and Norman Thayer as they return to their

summer home on Golden Pond for the 44th year.

The Arthur Miller drama *All My Sons* will be staged March 23rd through April 22nd, and the season ends with the musical *Man of La Mancha* from May 11th through June 10th.

In addition, Eaton has announced a lineup for the Actor's Choice Series in early 2000, beginning with his own award-winning play *The Winds of Fashioning Time*. The drama, inspired by the death row letters of Ethel Rosenberg, will run January 12th through January 23rd.

Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*, one of the Bard's last and most mystical plays, will be presented February 2nd through February 13th. *Gun Shy*, a comedy about a middle-aged couple and their failed divorce, will run February 23rd through March 5th.

As a fundraising effort, the Theater Project is currently selling raffle tickets for a 1963 Corvette Stingray, the theater group's fourth annual Classic Corvette raffle. Tickets, which cost \$10, may be purchased at the theater, through the mail, or over the phone with a credit card by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797.

Subscriptions are now being accepted for the upcoming season, and applications are available at the Majestic Theater. Box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Agawam High's Calendar For June

First week of June: Agawam Democratic Town Committee and AHS social studies students' field trip to the State House in Boston.

June 5th: AHS Band bottle/can drive.

June 7th-10th: AHS cheerleading tryouts, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

June 8th: Election of NHS officers, 1:45 p.m.; Jazz Night Concert, 6:30 p.m.

June 9th: Intergenerational Poetry Group, 1:50 to 2:40 p.m., Room 38; Senior Class Graduation Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Symphony Hall, Springfield.

June 10th: Annual Book Award Ceremony for Juniors, presentation at 8:00 a.m., library; Senior Awards Night, 7:00 p.m., auditorium.

June 11th: Senior Picnic at High Meadow, Granby, CT; Spring Sports Recognition Night, 5:30 p.m., Harmon Smith Field.

June 13th: AHS Class of 1999 Graduation Ceremonies, 1:00 p.m., Symphony Hall, Springfield.

June 16th: Intergenerational Poetry Group, 1:50 to 2:40 p.m., Room 38; NHS Senior Dinner at Red Rose, Springfield, 7:00 p.m.; Eighth Grade Open House, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., cafeteria.

June 17th: AHS School Improvement Council Dinner Meeting at the Red Rose, Springfield, 6:30 p.m.

June 18th: Freshmen, sophomore, and junior final exams — Period I, 7:25 to 9:05 a.m.; Period II, 9:10 to 10:40 a.m.; Period III, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

June 19th: Sophomore Class Trip to Martha's Vineyard.

June 21st: Freshmen, sophomore, and junior final exams — Period IV, 7:25 to 9:05 a.m.; Period V, 9:10 to 10:40 a.m.; Make-Up's, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

June 22nd: Freshmen, sophomore, and junior final exams — Period VI, 7:25 to 9:05 a.m.; Period VII, 9:10 to 10:40 a.m.; Make-Ups, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

June 23rd: Freshmen, sophomore, and junior final exams — Make-Up's, 7:25 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

June 24th: Review Exams, 7:25 to 10:45 a.m.; Student Dismissal, 10:45 a.m.

June 21st to July 6th: Summer School Sign-Ups, Guidance Department.

Eighth Grade Open House Slated For June 16th At AHS

An Eighth Grade Open House will be held in the Agawam High School cafeteria starting at 7:00 p.m. on June 16th.

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Looking At Graduation And Commencement...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

I know, I know. The title looks redundant, but when you actually consider the two words, you will see that they are different and should both be used to commemorate the important time when one finishes his schooling.

Let's consider the word 'graduation.' It means the completion of a course of study. And that's exactly what is happening to our seniors at AHS next week. They will be done. As the saying goes, "No more teachers, no more books..." Most have worked diligently and will earn their well-deserved diplomas to mark their achievements. But then what? And that takes me to our next word - 'commencement.' In addition to meaning the time for conferring degrees on candidates, it also means a time of beginning. Indeed, graduation is a time of beginning. It's a time when a student finishes one chapter in life and begins a new one.

I think it is the idea of commencement that instills fear in a student as well as his parents. It is the idea of venturing forth into the unknown. After all, the student has been in a comfort zone for 18-plus years; parents usually know where to find him.

The student's time is scheduled. He knows when he should get up, when each class begins and ends, when lunch occurs, and what his boundaries are concerning parental rules. For 18 years, his educational map has been drawn and defined. There is comfort in that for both student and parent. Now, after 13 years of schooling, that security is about to end and a new beginning, a commencement, is happening.

Having had three sons graduate from high school, I know that it can be a difficult time. Yes, I was happy for my sons and proud of their many accomplishments, yet I was unhappy that the apron strings were finally being cut and they were leaving home. I think, too, that the whole happening kind of puts you in touch with the fact that you're getting older; you've reached a new passage. So, for you as a parent, it's also a time of graduation... a graduating from being a mom with a child who comes home for meals, sleeps in the house and lives by your rules, and a time of commencement - a new beginning that requires you to give your kid space, to allow him to go unfettered into the world, learning through his mistakes and accomplishments.

Now that you know it's hard for a parent, can you imagine how hard it is for your child? He doesn't want you to know that he's scared, that he's going into uncharted waters, that he's not sure what he will find or if he will like it. Is he making the right choice? He's been a big man on campus, a football star, a scholar, or whatever, and now he knows he will have to start over again. For him, it's a graduation from his comfort zone of public school to a commencement at a new place.

What can be done to quell this uneasiness on both the parent and the kid's part? Openness with your feelings is a good way to start. If you admit how you are feeling, you give your child license to share his feelings with you. Also, try to share with him how you felt when you finished high school. If you went away to school, what was it like? Honesty is a good way to invite honesty. Getting everything out in the open is a good way to settle that uneasy feeling. Letting your child know that it is normal to have some scary thoughts about graduation will make him feel better.

With kids who are not leaving home, it will still be a change. Routines will be different. They are older now and have to start making their own decisions and by allowing them to do this, you are giving them the wings they need to fly to new heights, and to explore.

At home, away, at work, and/or at school, do keep the lines of communication open. Set aside time for telephoning and sharing. Send letters and care packages to youngsters who are away. If you reach out, they will reach out and together you will grapple successfully with your new beginning.

As you both, parents and graduates, get used to your new roles, I wish you well. It takes time, but I guarantee that this next passage will prove to be a rewarding one, filled with challenges, some frustrations, but a lot of satisfaction, too. My best wishes for an enjoyable graduation and a positive commencement.

Locals Attain Honors At Cathedral High

The administration at Cathedral High School, located at 260 Surrey Road in Springfield, recently announced the school's latest honor roll, and the following students from Agawam were included on that list:

Honors:

Brian Landry, Megan Landry, Kara Moores, Kelli Powell, and Meredith Willett.

High Honors:

Eric Powell.

Feeding Hills Students On Dean's List At Quinnipiac College

The following Feeding Hills residents were named to the Quinnipiac College Dean's List for the spring 1999 semester:

Michelle Kowalewski of 184 Roosevelt Avenue, an Occupational Therapy major; **Melissa LaFlamme** of 36 Carmel Lane, an Occupational Therapy major; **Julie LaFlamme** of 36 Carmel Lane, an Occupational Therapy major; and **Rebecca Wing** of 26 Pheasant Run Court, a Health Science/PT major.

Quinnipiac College is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The college has 250 full-time faculty and enrolls nearly 4,000 full-time undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students in more than 50 undergraduate and 13 graduate programs of study in Business, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts, Education and Communications.

Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top northern regional universities in *US News and World Report's America's Best Colleges*. For more information, visit www.quinnipiac.edu.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 7th: Steamed frankfurters on roll, oven potato rounds, seasoned green beans, chilled mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday, June 8th: Oven-roasted turkey with gravy, whipped potato, seasoned diced carrots, dinner roll with butter, applesauce spice cake with icing, milk.

Wednesday, June 9th: Baked hamburger with macaroni and tomato sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled peaches in syrup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

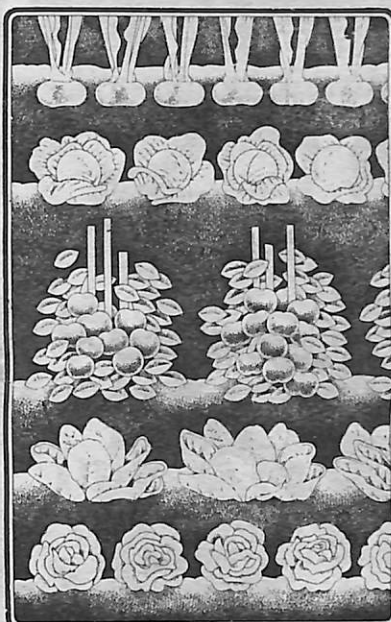
Thursday, June 10th: "Sloppy Joe" in roll, sweet niblet corn, rosy applesauce, chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, June 11th: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato rounds with catsup, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, strawberry Jello with topping, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

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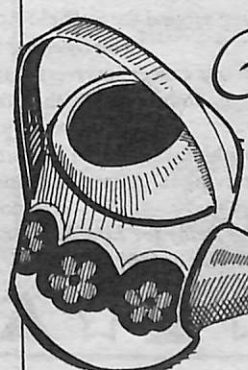
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Brownie Troop No. 543 Has Had An Extremely Busy Year

Brownie Troop No. 543 has been busy this year. In December, we had a Mother/Daughter Gallery Opening. The girls had been working in the Creative Composing Try-it, and when it was completed, we invited the mothers to come, have tea, and listen to the girls read stories they had written, poems they had created, and autobiographies. We also hung pictures the girls had painted and colored.

Our big event for the year was a three-day trip to Boston during spring break. The girls earned all the money necessary for this trip by having a Bike-A-Thon in early October, collecting soda cans through the year, and by cookie sales. As their leader, I am very proud of these girls.

The troop stayed in Woburn and took the train into Boston and rode the subway around Boston to our destinations. We left Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. and arriving in Boston about 10:00 a.m., we took the train, then subway, to the science museum. That evening at our hotel, we had a pool/pizza party and helped Maria Graziano celebrate her birthday with cupcakes and goodie bags.

On Wednesday, we went to the Boston Aquarium and explored sea life, then went on a Harbor Cruise and learned about the ocean and life in the ocean. We did a plankton tow and then looked in a microscope to see many of the things that live on the top of the ocean.

We pulled up a lobster trap, but all we had caught were crabs. The girls then checked out animal life that lives in the bottom of the ocean. After lunch, we headed up for the Children's Museum where the girls were busy climbing through tubes, dressed up like jelly fish, blowing bubbles, and exploring things that they might find in the grandparent's attic.

On Thursday, we went to the State House for a tour. The girls learned how laws were written, how our state government works, and the history of the State House. After the tour, we met with Senator Linda Melconian, who was also a Girl Scout. We arrived back in Agawam about 5:30 p.m. with 11 very tired Brownie Girl Scouts.

Area Students Honored At Awards Night Presentation At HCC

The following local residents were among more than 225 outstanding Holyoke Community College students presented with awards and scholarships at the college's 1999 Awards Night presentation, held Thursday, May 27th. President David Bartley presided over the event.

Award recipients from Agawam and Feeding Hills include:

Jack Biscoe, Men's Soccer Award; **Jason A. Bland**, Jon Sibley Award for Excellence in Acting, Lorraine Hansberry Award for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Contributions Toward the Development of Ethnic Awareness; **Jason D. Hanscom**, Men's Soccer Award; **Aimee N. Loudfoot**, Women's Soccer Award.

Brady E. Martin, Baseball Award; **Bryan W. Menard**, Baseball Award; **Steven C. Wegrzyn**, Visual Art Faculty Prize; **Kyle A. Gendron**, Golf Award; **Doris J. Gobeille**, Donald Taber Art Scholarship, Women in Transition Scholarship.



WITH SENATOR LINDA MELCONIAN (left to right): front row — Nicole Proulx, Erin Nichols, Brie Bobecki, Stephanie Ruehl, Ali Bonavita, and Vicky Langone; back row — Maria Graziano, Abby Martin, Senator Melconian, Alyssa Bonavita, Christina Langone, and Jillian Van Ness.



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The Opening Ceremony

Relay for Life begins at 6:00 PM with our cancer survivors walking the first "Victory Lap" of the event. All survivors are invited and encouraged to bring along their family and friends to help cheer them on.

The Luminary Ceremony

At 10:00 PM, a moving event occurs with the lighting of the luminary candles in memory of those who have lost their battle with cancer and in honor of those surviving it. A special moment of silence and a selection of music is played during this ceremony.

To receive more information about the *Relay for Life*, Survivor's Victory Lap and the Luminary Ceremony, contact your local American Cancer Society at (860) 242-8277. This will be 24 hours you'll be sure to enjoy!



Pauline L. Mortenson Of AIC Receives NETA's '99 Award

Mark Broadbent, President of the New England Transfer Association (NETA), is pleased to announce that Pauline L. Mortenson, formerly of Agawam and Associate Director for International and Transfer Admissions at American International College, is the 1999 recipient of the organization's Distinguished Service Award.

It was presented to Ms. Mortenson at the Association's annual conference at the Sheraton Hotel, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, by Dwight E. Cook, Chairperson of the DSA Committee.

On the nomination forms submitted to the DSA Committee, Ms. Mortenson was cited for her mentoring of new professionals at various colleges and universities as well as in NETA. Whether it was in the art and science of transfer practices or in the intricacies of international admissions and transfer, Ms. Mortenson shared her time and experience generously, often following up with a personal note of encouragement.

She has served as a past Treasurer and Executive Board member of the organization. In addition, her exemplary professional conduct, blended with a personal style that shuns the limelight to work quietly and effectively behind the scenes, is a personal hallmark.

Her dedication to transfer and international students is well-known within AIC and is recognized by professional colleagues at many other institutions. They and her students have benefitted from her gentle persuasion, generous efforts, steadfastness, and adventuresome spirit.

This is the second year that NETA has identified one of its members by recognizing that person's excellence and outstanding commitment to assisting students in the transfer process.

The organization, which was established 28 years ago, is comprised of higher education administrators who have responsibility for the admission, counseling, financial aid, support service, and graduate/continuing education provided to students transferring from one college to another.

The award received by Ms. Mortenson has become an annual acknowledgement by the NETA membership of the significant professional achievements of a fellow member.

Andrew Markowski Of F. Hills Excels At Union College

Andrew Markowski, a Union College Class of 2000 political science major, has had a most productive spring semester.

In addition to participating in the college's spring internship program in Washington, D.C. (working in the office of Congressman Jack Quinn of New York), Markowski was recently honored at Prize Day, an annual celebration recognizing outstanding students at Union. He received the Delphic Honor Society Award, which is awarded to juniors and seniors for exemplary contribution to the Union College community.

In addition, Markowski was recently chosen for the position of Junior Trustee in the college's Student Forum, the governing body of Union College's 2,000 students. Last year, he was the Vice-President of Academics in the Student Forum.

Markowski, a resident of 14 Two-if-by Street in Feeding Hills, is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

Union, an independent college for men and women of high academic promise and strong personal motivation, offers academic programs in the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, and engineering and computer science. There are 2,000 undergraduates, and admission is highly competitive.

Founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the Regents of New York, Union was one of the first non-denominational colleges in the country. Union has just completed the renovation of the Schaffer Library and the construction of the F.W. Olin Center, a high technology learning center.

Erik J. Ranstrom Attains 4.0 GPA At Westfield State

Erik J. Ranstrom of 70 Bradford Street, Feeding Hills, earned a 4.0 grade point average during the spring 1999 semester at Westfield State College.

Erik is a history major and a 1998 graduate of St. Mary's High School.

He is the son of Barry and Rosemary Ranstrom.

— Best local news —

Information Regarding Agawam's 1999 Summer School Program

Alan R. Cohen, summer school director, has released the following information regarding the Agawam Public Schools' "Summer School" program for 1999. All summer school classes will be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Four weeks, 40 hours.
TIME AND DAYS: Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION: \$90 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION: Will begin Monday, June 21, 1999, through the first day of summer school.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to "Agawam High School." (Payment is due with registration form.)

CANCELLATION: The summer school director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also

change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. No refund after first class has met or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two tardies are equal to one absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

For a registration form and/or further information (including the classes being offered during the summer school program), contact Mr. Cohen at the Agawam High School Guidance Office, 821-0519.

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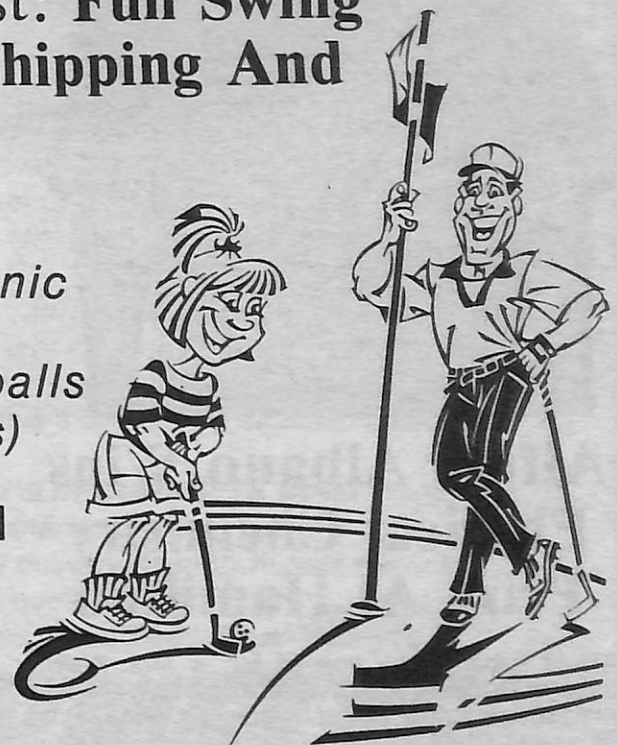
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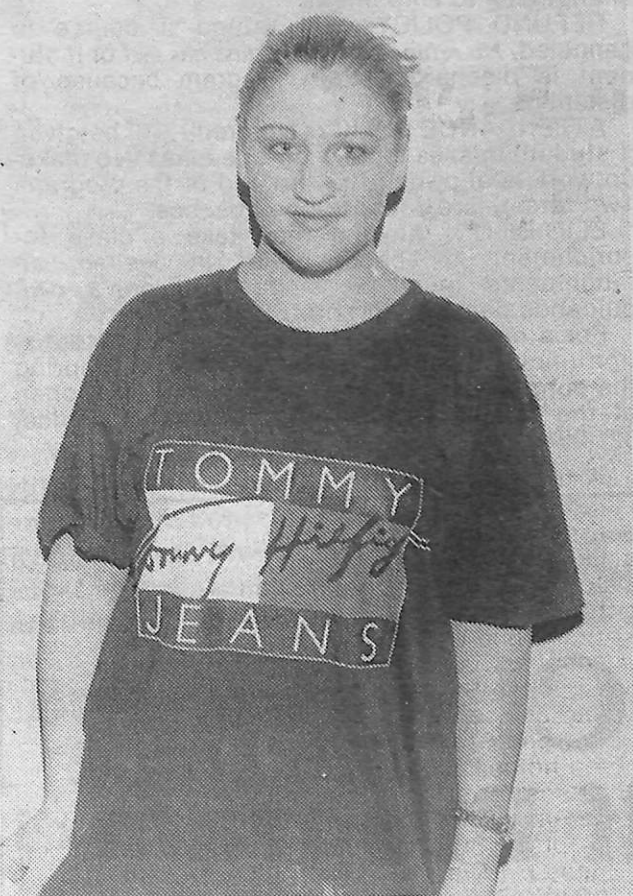
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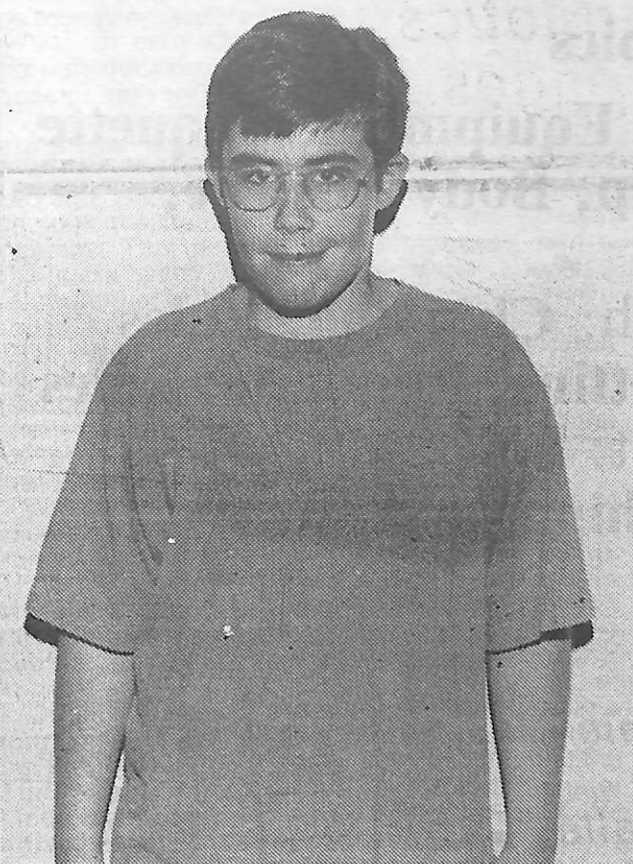
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Noted Art Students...



EIGHTH-GRADER KELLY BURGESS (above) and **SEVENTH-GRADER JOE MACFADZEN** (below) were recently named "Art Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Alfred Albano Wins Physical Chemistry Prize At Hamilton

Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills, was named the recipient of the Donald J. Denney Prize in Physical Chemistry at Hamilton College's annual Class and Charter Day held on Friday, May 7th.

The Donald J. Denney Prize in Physical Chemistry, established by friends and former students in honor of Donald J. Denney, who taught chemistry at Hamilton from 1957 to 1986, is awarded to a student who excels in physical chemistry.

A junior majoring in chemistry at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

Hamilton College is a highly selective residential college offering its 1,650 students a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. Students are challenged to think, write, and speak critically, creatively, and analytically, so that upon graduation they may distinguish themselves in both their professions and their communities.



SEVENTH- AND EIGHTH-GRADE SINGERS prepare for the Spring Revue to be held at Agawam Junior High School on Wednesday, June 9th, and Thursday, June 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

Agawam Junior High's Choruses To Present Annual Spring Revue

On Wednesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m., the seventh- and eighth-grade choruses at Agawam Junior High School will join together to present their annual Spring Revue.

This year, the performances will be given on two separate nights to accommodate the anticipated large audiences. Seventh-grade parents are invited to attend the Wednesday night show and eighth-grade parents are invited to see the Thursday night concert.

Either performance may be attended by those who have conflicts with these designated invitations.

The Revue will feature many combined pieces of popular music from the 50's through to the present. In addition, each chorus will perform separately and soloists will also be featured during the hour's presentation.

New to the school's performing groups this year is "The Small Chorus." This group will also

be taking the spotlight as they present several pop hits of the past and present. "Small Chorus," under the direction of Christine Davis, received a silver medal recently in the Great East Music Festival and will continue to be the select singing group for students from the Junior High.

This Spring Revue will be the "finale extravaganza" for the Junior High chorus department. With Susan Brown and Christine Davis directing, the 250 students singing at the Junior High School will close out their concert season with a little nostalgia, a little reflection, a little fun, and a little advice.

Tickets for the Junior High Chorus Concert will be \$2 for adults and may be purchased at the door. Students may enter free of charge if they are accompanied by an adult. Please join us for an entertaining evening of singing by the choruses of Agawam Junior High School.

Agawam And Feeding Hills Students Receive Spring Athletic Awards At Suffield Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly at Suffield Academy on May 26th, the following area students were honored with special awards and varsity letters:

Girls' Lacrosse: *Varsity Letters* - Elizabeth Cowan of Agawam, and Cathleen Evans of Agawam.

Girls' Tennis: *Varsity Letter* - Katherine Kilrain of Feeding Hills.

Boys' Track: *Varsity Letter and Outstanding Achievement Award* - Jeffrey Beaudette, tri-captain, of Agawam; *Varsity Letter and Thomas B. Schultz Award* for dedication to the sport of track and field - Mark Soticheck, tri-captain, of Agawam.

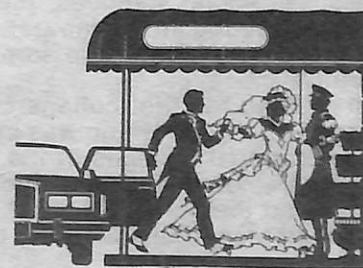
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Baseball Versus Holyoke...

Brownies Visit McKenzie Field And Leave With 6-4 Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

In my humble opinion, there is no better baseball facility in Western Mass. than Holyoke's McKenzie Field. Whether during the day or under the lights, a game there, for both the players and the spectators, is something eagerly anticipated. It's even better if you win, as the Agawam High boys' baseball team did, 6-4, last Wednesday evening, May 26th.

The Brownies came in at 12-6 (6-1) and are already safely in the playoffs, so this one was for a high seed in the draw. Holyoke had seven wins, so the phrase of the day for them was 'wait until next year.'

Coach Pete Clark gave sophomore Ben Lapins the ball. The team gave Lapins something, as well - a four-run lead in the top of the first. Leadoff hitter Scott Harlin drew a walk; so did Chris Wayte in the number two hole. Designated hitter Kevin Mattson then laced a single up the middle, scoring Harlin. Tony LeClair stalked to the box and drove a double to center, driving in Wayte and Mattson. With two outs and LeClair on third by way of a steal, Dave Federico topped an infield hit to the shortstop side of second. LeClair pranced across the plate for the fourth Agawam run.

Lapins faced six Knights and set down six over the next two innings. Holyoke hurler Joe Westcott

settled down and shutout the Brownies in the second and third. In the bottom of the frame, his mates gave him some help by scoring four runs of their own off Lapins. They came on a leadoff double, a walk and two bloop singles, one behind first, and the other behind third, with two outs.

Four-All Deadlock

Lapins would settle down for the rest of the game. But he was facing that four-all deadlock and needed to catch a break. One-half of that break came in the sixth. Brian St. Jean led off with a single up the middle. He then stole second. Mike Carney flew out to center. Federico stepped in and slapped one back to Westcott. St. Jean was on the move for the hot corner at the swing of the bat, so the Knights' hurler had no chance there. His only play was nailing Federico at first.

Meanwhile, St. Jean was now in prime scoring position with two outs. Westcott, perhaps feeling the pressure, uncorked a wild pitch to the next Brownie hitter, Ryan Drobot. St. Jean raced home with the go-ahead run. That was it for Westcott as Knights' Coach Tom Brassil sent him to the showers.

Agawam's final and insurance run came in the top of the seventh, courtesy of a Holyoke tactical error. Wayte reached on a leadoff spinner to second, which turned into a bare-handed attempt to

throw him out and an error. He then stole second. Mattson came up and bounced one back to the new Knight pitcher, Kevin Joyce. Joyce took a look towards second, but Wayte wasn't there. Instead, the Agawam senior was in no-man's land between second and third and staring at a dead duck rundown situation.

Joyce, who had the play had he only thrown to either side of the Brownie, elected to get the out at first while Wayte busted into third.

Tony LeClair struck out and there were two down when St. Jean sneaked up to the dish. He pulled one to third, but the throw to first was off target and St. Jean was safe. Meanwhile, Wayte raced home.

Lapins got the side in order for the 13th Agawam win of the year. "He was pumped. We were pretty sure he'd have no problem finishing things up," Clark noted.

AGAWAM STATS: Harlin - 0-3, 1 RS; Wayte - 0-2, 2 RS, 1 SB; Mattson - 1-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS; LeClair - 1-4 (2B), 2 RBI, 1 RS; St. Jean - 1-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS, 1 SB; Carney - 0-4; Federico - 1-2, 1 RBI; Chechile - 0-2; C. Federico - 1-1, 1 SB; Drobot - 0-1.

PITCHING: LAPINS (W, 2-1) - 7 IP; 5 H; 4 R; 4 ER; 4 BB; 6 SO; 4.00 ERA.

AGAWAM: 6 R; 4 H; 1 E; 6 LOB. **HOLYOKE:** 4 R; 5 H; 2 E; 4 LOB.

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Softball Versus Amherst Regional ...

AHS Loses 3-2 To Hurricanes On Memorial Day

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team lost 3-2, on Memorial Day to host Amherst Regional. The game was rare - playing on the holiday. It had never happened before, according to AHS Coach Debbie Lickley.

Unfortunately, the loss wasn't rare for Agawam, at least this year. The defending Western Mass. champs finished up with a slate of 12-8 (3-5 in the Valley League).

The loss was a blow for the Brownies. They were hoping for a win against the Hurricanes, who'd they beaten 9-3 earlier in the season. That victory would have helped their seeding in the Western Mass. playoffs.

As the bus headed home Lickley and assistant Coach Kristen Patterson, a four-time All-Western Mass. standout for the locals, looked over their regular season schedule - wins and losses and the teams they played. What they came up with wasn't good.

"It looks like we might be the seventh or eighth seed," Patterson offered. Then Lickley added, "We have our work cut out for us now." Indeed, there are many contenders for Agawam's throne this season.

Locals Can't Catch A Break

For the first three innings of this game on a beautiful sunny day, the teams had bagels in the run column. Agawam, which couldn't catch a break, was victimized by two inning-ending double plays - one in the first and the other in the second.

Senior Ali Jackobek was pitching no-hit ball until the Hurricanes got to her in the fourth. A leadoff single, which bounced over Ali's head and past the outstretched glove of sophomore shortstop Jill Gendron, was followed by a triple to left to score Amherst's first run.

With one out, Jackobek, perhaps a bit unsettled by the turn of events, uncorked a wild pitch to the next hitter and another run came across the plate.

The Hurricanes, leading 2-0, would get what amounted to the deciding run in the fifth. Center-fielder Brooke Klausner-Wise lofted a lazy pop-up to the right side of the infield. The ball, with enough spin on it to qualify for a place in Washington, landed in the glove of Brownie second sacker Erin Rescigno and twisted out.

Two ground-outs saw Klausner-Wise advance all the way to third. A single to right off the bat of pitcher Ariel Glassman brought her home with an unearned run. Agawam got the final out of the inning on a nice throw from catcher Dianna DiStefano to Jill Gendron, gunning down the stealing Glassman at second.

Last Call For The Brownies

It was 3-0, Amherst, going into the top of the seventh and last call for the Brownies. With one out, Gendron rolled a lazy ball to short and reach-

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IN PHOTO ABOVE: The graduating players on this year's team with their parents on "Softball Senior Day." IN PHOTO BELOW: The faces that will be missing from Agawam High's roster next year. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.



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ed on an infield hit. Junior Jen Lyman came up and pulled one to the shortstop side which turned into a fielding error. Agawam had two on and one out.

Sophomore Caitlyn Conte, showing a sharp eye, drew a walk on a 3-1 count, loading the bases. Allison Pisano, pinch hitting for Kornelia Moysis, popped to second for Agawam's second out. Rescigno stepped in and drilled one to right-center, chasing Gendron and Lyman home. Just like that, the Brownies were only down by a run, 3-2. The top of the Agawam order was next.

Number one hitter Tiff Blackman stepped in and topped one to short for another Agawam infield hit and the bases were loaded up again, with two outs. The Brownie fortunes went by the boards, however, when Amanda Merola got just a little too much metal under the ball and flew out to center, ending the game.

It was a close contest, but mostly went by the script that the Brownies have been following all season long. "We got some hits, but they weren't timely. That made the difference today," Lickley sighed. Amherst ended up at 8-11 (1-7).

At presstime, the Brownies learned that they were seeded ninth in the Western Massachusetts Tournament.

AGAWAM STATS: Blackman - 2-4; Merola - 0-4; DiStefano - 0-2; Clark - 0-3; Gendron - 2-3, 1 RS; Lyman - 0-3, 1 RS; Conte - 0-2; Moysis - 0-1; Rescigno - 1-2, 2 RBI; Pisano - 0-1.

PITCHING: Jackobek (L, 7-5) - 6 IP; 3 H; 3 R; 2 ER; 3 BB; 4 SO; 2.33 ERA.

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The junior varsity didn't play. Their season is over.

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Softball Versus West Springfield...

Brownies' 5-2 Win Avenges Earlier Loss To The Archrival Terriers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

No one this softball season has questioned the Agawam High girls' defense or their pitching. Up until their game last Friday, a 5-2 win over second-ranked West Springfield, they'd given up 37 runs in 18 games for an average of 2.05 per contest.

In their eight-game winning streak to start the season, they'd given up but nine runs (1.1) while scoring 75 (9.3). In their last nine before West Side, they'd scored 32 (3.5 RPG) and given up 22 (2.4 RA). During the streak, they amassed 75 hits. In their last 10, the total came to 60 (which helped them to a 3-7 second-half record, with a four-game losing streak thrown in for good measure). The problem was obvious. "We're in a team slump at the plate. Our hitting has just gone away," Coach Debbie Lickley noted.

They got some of the bingo back in their bats in the West Side win, pounding out nine hits to stop the four-game swoon and get back on track. The Terriers beat them four games earlier, 2-1, where the Brownies could manage only two hits. Senior Lindsay Mason held them to but one. However, luck (as it had been of late) wasn't on the Brownie bench that day.

Mason was in the circle again for this final home game of the season for the Brownies. The Terriers showed up pumped, with a record of 15-4 (6-1). They were running on high octane on the strength of their previous win over the defending Western Mass. champs, a possible Valley League title, making the Division I Tournament, and the anticipation of a top seeding in same.

After some trouble in the first, which included two singles (one of which came back to Mason and tore her glove off) plus a wild pitch, the senior settled down, getting the final two outs on a dust-off and a fly to center, with runners at second and third.

Signs Of Things To Come...

After West Side went down in order to start the second, Agawam showed signs of things to come in the bottom of the inning. Two straight singles by Jill Gendron and Jen Lyman, plus a two-out walk to Kornelia Moysis, loaded them up. Unfortunately, Erin Rescigno went down swinging, which ended the threat, but served notice the Brownies had their "A" game going.

The Brownies got on the board in the third. Tiff Blackman, starting in centerfield, laid down a bunt and when Terrier first-sacker Veronica Patrick couldn't handle the throw, Blackman was on. Amanda Merola then laid down a textbook sac bunt. And while West Side was concentrating on her, Blackman raced all the way to third.

Lickley, ever the gambler, ordered another sac bunt, this time off the bat of catcher Dianna DiStefano. The junior caressed the ball five feet in front of the plate. West Side pitcher Shawndy Sutherland swooped down on it, but failed to check Blackman, who was dancing midway down the third base line, waiting for a play. It went to first for the out. Lickley sent the sophomore home with Agawam's first run.

Mason continued to leash the Terriers in the fourth. The Brownies, with bats getting hotter, came up with two more runs when it was their turn. Gendron would get her second hit on a shot back to the circle. It glanced off Sutherland's glove and slowed up a bit — just slow enough for Gendron to beat the throw from short to first. Lyman executed a sacrifice bunt, which sent Gendron to third.

Caitlyn Conte then hopped a single up the middle, driving in Gendron for Agawam's second run. Moysis drew a walk and Rescigno laid down a bunt. The Terriers went for the force at third. But the throw was late and the Brownies had them loaded up for the second time in the game.

It was Blackman's turn again. She hit one back to Sutherland, who got Conte on the force at home. The bases were still full with two down when the next hitter, Merola, pulled one down the third base line for a single. Moysis raced home and Agawam led 3-0. There was still no vacancy on the bases when DiStefano suffered one of her rare strikeouts to end the inning.

West Side Scores In The Fifth...

West Springfield got one back in the fifth. They might have had more save for a nice defensive play by the Brownies. With one out, third baseman Nicole Hill walked. An error saw shortstop Sarah Baker get aboard. A fly out showed two down and runners on first and second when Patrick stepped into the box.

The Terrier punched a Mason pitch to center. Hill raced around third and scored. Coach Deke Pillsbury gave Baker the windmill, signaling her to head home as well; thing was, she had to come all the way from first. The legs just weren't there. The ball sailed in from Merola in center and right to DiStefano, who was guarding the plate. She laid the tag on the Terrier and Agawam got out of the inning and (more importantly) saved a run.

That save looked big in the sixth when West Springfield scored again. But they also blew a chance to score more by virtue of what some

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would call a bonehead job of running the bases. Sutherland led off with a smash off of Moysis' glove at third. Another single saw runners at first and second with no outs. A sacrifice bunt moved the runners up a base.

Designated player Ali Walker then punched a ground ball towards the sure-handed Gendron at short. She had the ball on her radar screen, but another blip filled the scope. Pope, on her way to third (as Sutherland crossed the plate), wasn't paying attention and the ball hit her and glanced off Gendron's glove. What looked to be a run scored, an error, and runners at the corners, was not what it ended up being.

The umpires, on top of the play from the swing of the bat, ruled Pope out on interference and called Sutherland back to third, negating the run. A subsequent single did score the run. But an unassisted putout on a ground ball to first by Conte got Agawam out of the inning, with a 3-2 lead.

"Insurance" For The Brownies...

The Brownies needed some insurance and they got it in the bottom of the sixth. Moysis led off with a walk. Allison Pisano, pinch-hitting for Rescigno, sacrificed Moysis to second. The third hitter, Blackman, tipped a cue ball in front of the plate. Sutherland, not thinking about Moysis in that situation, threw wide to first and Moysis came home with Agawam's fourth run.

Lickley, playing percentages, called for another sacrifice bunt with one out. Merola gave it to her, moving Blackman closer to home. DiStefano, still steamed from her previous bases-loaded strikeout, stepped in and laced a solid single to left center. Blackman scored easily from third to make it 5-2, Agawam.

West Springfield had one more chance in its half of the seventh, bringing up gut-check time for all the Brownies. West Side is a good team and it wasn't about to belly up without a fight. Mason hit the leadoff hitter (Baker). The second Terrier sniffed up to the plate and singled past a diving Moysis, putting runners on first and second with not an out to be seen. Patrick then pulled one to third. Moysis pounced on the ball and tagged the bag, forcing Baker.

The next Terrier skied to leftfield for the second out. There were runners on first and third and Pope was at the plate. The West Side catcher drilled one up the middle. As it was passing just to the shortstop side of the second-base bag, Gendron (parallel to the ground) appeared out of a cloud of clay dust and knocked the ball down. The junior, with time gained by the big stop, barehanded the dead duck and tagged second for the final out of the game.

Agawam's record rose to 12-7 and 3-4 in the Valley League. The loss saw West Springfield sink to 16-4 with a Valley League record of 6-2, which tied them with Cathedral for the league title.

"We played tough and did the little things, plus some timely hits helped us. And our seniors leave with a final home game win," Lickley smiled.

Mason, who saw her record rise to 5-3, didn't have a lot of mustard on her fastball for this one. But her change-up had all the fixings. "Yeah, it was really working so I went with it," she grinned of the pitch which had the Terriers hitters lining ball after ball foul down the third-base line.

JUNIOR VARSITY ACTION:

Agawam's junior varsity girls lost to West Side, 12-7.

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Profile...

For Kornelia Moysis, Covering 3rd Base Enables Her To Show Off Softball Skills

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the toughest positions to play in either baseball or softball is third base - the hot corner, as it is called. One student-athlete who plays it very well is Agawam High School's Kornelia Moysis. Recently, the senior took time out to talk about her days as a Brownie.

Kornelia is 17 years-old. She will turn 18 on September 19th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at AHS. As the year winds down, Kornelia is taking physics, advanced math, Spanish 5, sociology, English 12, and gym. She is also on the yearbook staff, where she sells advertising.

Kornelia has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years, as well as the Spanish National Honor Society, also for two years. She is a many-time member of the honor roll. She is also in the Renaissance and Math Clubs.

Her favorite teacher is Mary Ellen Bruce (Spanish 5).

Kornelia will be attending Springfield College in the fall. She'll major in biology. "Someday I'd like to be a doctor," she said. Also, she noted that she will try out for the softball team at SC.

Her two sports at AHS are softball and soccer. "I've played both of them for my entire high school career. But I like softball the best," she said.

Her most memorable sports moment came last season, when the Brownies won the Western Mass. Division I softball crown.

The Brownies finished the regular season at 12-8 (3-4 in the league). "We've had some tough losses lately and we'll have our work cut out for us in the tournament," she said about the season to date.

Kornelia's favorite food is spaghetti with her mom's sauce on top. "It's a Greek sauce and it's so good. I've never gotten tired of it," she smiled.

Blue is her favorite color.

A 1999 Mustang is her choice in wheels.

The New England Patriots and quarterback Drew Bledsoe top her choice in favorite team and top jock.

She likes to kick back with her friends when it's hang-out time.

Casual clothes suit her best. She shops for them at American Eagle.

Kornelia says she likes all kinds of music, even country. Shania Twain and The Dave Mathews Band are her musical favorites.

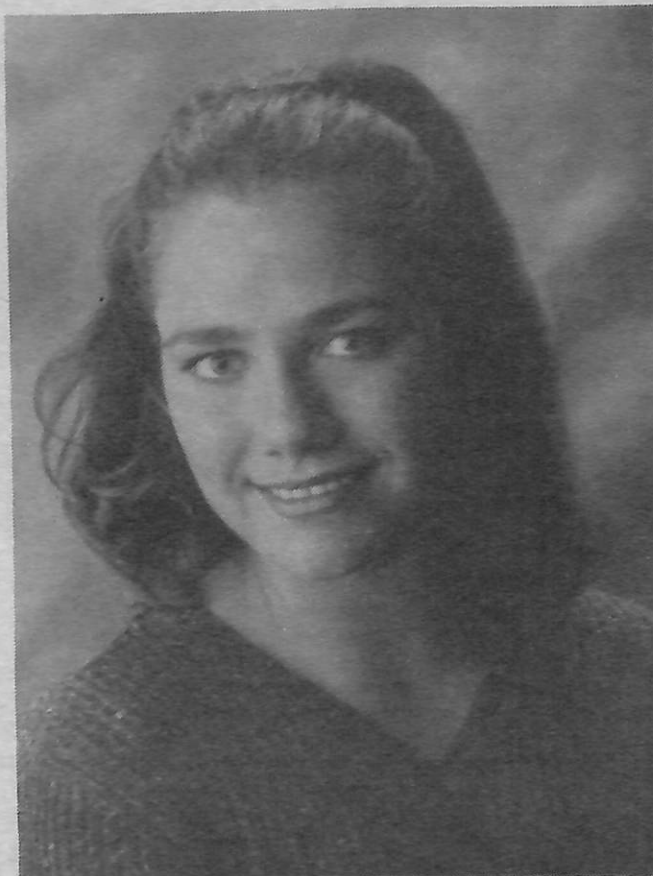
"Dawson's Creek" is tops on the tube for her, while "Dirty Dancing" is her favorite flick.

Kornelia's mom's name is Anastasia. Dmitri is her dad. She has a brother, Theodore (11), who attends the Agawam Middle School and plays soccer. Her sister, Pavelina (13), also attends the Middle School, plays soccer and softball.

Her parents are the people she looks up to, according to Kornelia.

When her days at AHS are done, she would like to be remembered this way: "I was a student-athlete who worked hard and gave everything I did, everything I had."

Varsity softball Coach Deb Lickley had this to say about Kornelia: "She's a hard worker who has stepped up for us and has played some great defense. My best memory of Kornelia came last year. She made the team, but I was tough on her. Because she has talent, she was asked to play third, which is not her usual position. When I told her I was sorry for being so hard, she said to me, 'That's okay, you could have been even harder. I wouldn't have minded.'"



KORNELIA MOYSIS

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Profile...

Pete Bitzas Proves There Is "Quality" On Agawam High's Boys' Track Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track and field team had a problem with the numbers this year - they could have used more athletes. However, what they lacked in quantity, they made up for in quality. One of the quality kids was Pete Bitzas. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Pete turned 18 on December 9th. He stands six feet tall and weighs 170 pounds. His four years of secondary education were spent at Agawam High. He finished up his final semester with English 12, psychology, physics, Italian, and integrated math. He was a two-year member of the Renaissance Club.

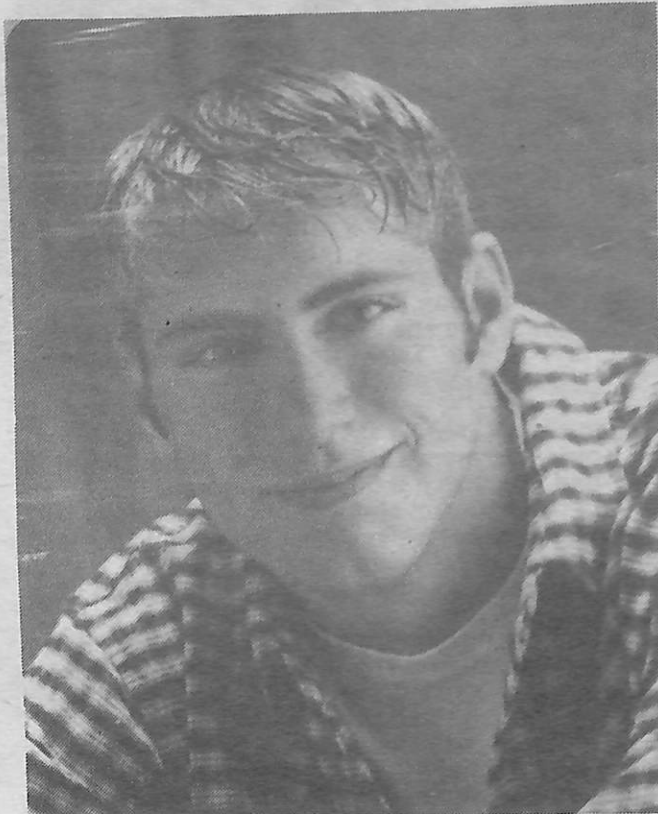
His favorite course was physics. Arthur Gage was his top teacher.

Pete will be attending Salem State College in Salem, Mass. this fall. Once there, he plans to continue competing in track and field.

During his high school career, Pete competed in both track and field and soccer. Track is his favorite sport. He competed in the triple jump for four years and was unbeaten this year during the regular season, which was highlighted with a win at the Valley League Individuals two weeks ago.

Last weekend, at the Western Mass. Tournament, he came in third with an effort of 47'1". Pete says his greatest sports memory came last year against Minnechaug Regional on the track. It was in the triple jump. "I beat Greg Fontaine. He had a 30-match unbeaten streak up until that time," Pete smiled.

He saw the season just past (AHS finished 10th



PETER BITZAS

in Western Mass.) as one where they could have used more help. "We did pretty well, especially in our jumping events," he noted.

Pete's favorite food is barbecued chicken. Blue is his color of choice.

A brand new Mustang would be his choice in wheels.

Pete likes the Boston Bruins and the Boston Red Sox.

According to him, "anyplace outdoors" is the place to hang out.

Casual (cargo or windpants, T-shirts or polo shirts) makes up his wardrobe. "I'm not really into jeans," he admitted.

Pete likes a wide variety of music, especially rap. The Dave Mathews Band is his favorite group.

The tube offers up *Seinfeld* - his favorite in that department. "Saving Private Ryan" is top for him on the big screen.

Peggy, a teacher at James Clark School, and George, a long-time Agawam Town Councilor, are his mom and dad. He has an older brother, Chris, who was a standout soccer and basketball player at Agawam and is heading into his junior year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He also has a younger sister, Katherine, who is 12 years-old.

Pete says the person he looks up to is his brother, Chris.

Agawam boys' track Coach Bill Dillon had this to say of his senior star. "Pete is very talented and has given us some points in competition we wouldn't have had. He's a confident kid. He's very dependable and is a hard worker."

Profile...

Kevin Mattson Is Optimistic About AHS's Chances In Baseball Playoffs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One reason for the success of the Agawam High boys' baseball team this season has been the play of Kevin Mattson. He's the leading hitter (.405), an effective pitcher in a starting or relief role, and a competent infielder. Recently the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Kevin is 17 years-old. His birthday is July 19th. He stands 6'2" tall and weighs in at 185 pounds. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at Agawam High. Kevin has all the credits he'll need to get his sheepskin, so now he's taking things that really interest him - English, math, cooking, and auto body. Kevin has been on the honor roll. He's a four-year member of the Renaissance Club.

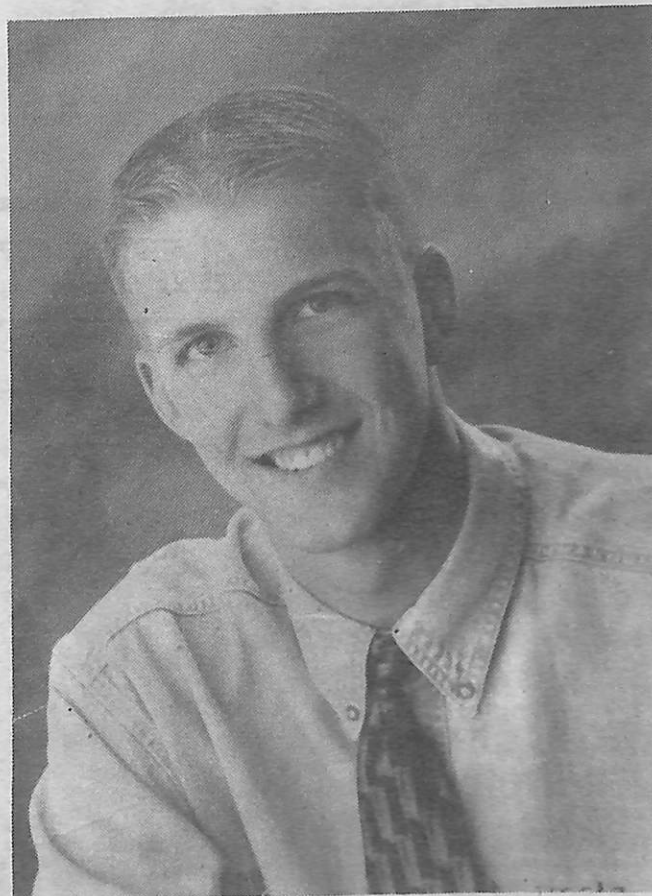
His favorite course is auto body. Currently, he's helping restore an old MGB (a British sportscar). He has two top teachers, Edward Merrill (psychology) and William Zangle (auto body).

So far, Kevin's plans for college are still up in the air. He is looking at Springfield Technical Community College, Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State.

Baseball is Kevin's sport. He has played it for four years at the high school level. Before that, he played for various youth leagues in the Springfield area.

His most memorable moment in the sport came earlier this year in a game against Amherst Regional. "We were down 10 to nothing after four, then started a comeback. I hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to bring us to within one. We went on to win, 11-10," he smiled.

The Brownies finished up at 14-6 (7-1). "If we keep focused and keep our heads in every game in



KEVIN MATTSON

the playoffs, we'll be unstoppable. I can see us winning it all."

His favorite food is pizza. "We get it at the Getty Station in Agawam, right across from Friendly's. Me and Brian (St. Jean) and Wayte (Chris) go down there after every practice and get a slice or two. It's really good," he laughed.

Blue is his favorite color.

If Kevin could tool around town in any car, it would be a 1999 Corvette.

Mark McGuire is his top jock. The Red Sox are his number one team.

When Kevin wants to kick back and relax, he does it at his friends' houses.

His taste in duds runs to khakis, corduroys, and golf shirts. He shops for them where most of the kids shop - at the Holyoke Mall.

Kevin likes all kinds of music. The classic rockers, "Led Zeppelin," are his favorite group.

"Seinfeld" is his choice in television. "Dumb and Dumber" is his favorite flick.

His mom's name is Linda. Tom is his dad. He has an older sister. His brother, Mike (the Agawam High hockey team goalie), is a month older than Kevin.

Kevin says the person he looks up to the most is his mom.

When his days at AHS are done, Kevin wants to be remembered in this way: "I'm not really big on wanting to be remembered. But, if people do, I hope they'll look back on me as being a good kid."

Varsity baseball Coach Pete Clark had this take on Kevin: "When he puts his mind to the game, he can do it all. He's a clutch hitter as well as being our leading hitter. He has definitely been a big part of our team."

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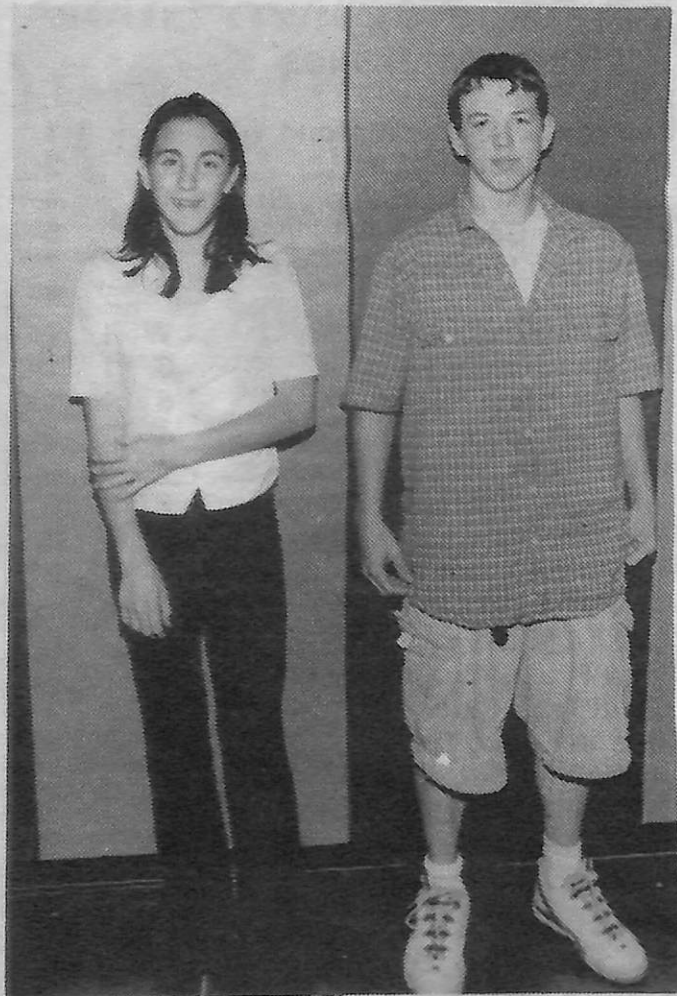
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THE LATEST "Physical Education Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School: above — seventh-grader Matt Reed; below — eighth-graders Andrea Conte and Justin Bardsley. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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LAST MONTH, members of the Agawam High School boys' track team held a fundraising car wash at the First Baptist Church in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS's Track And Field Athletes Compete At Western Mass. Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' track teams did about as well as was expected at the Western Mass. Division I Tournament last Saturday, May 29th, at Springfield College. The girls finished fourth overall and the boys came in 10th.

On the girls' side, there were some fine performances. Marie Buendo, seeded second in the long jump, came in second with a leap of 16'8½" (a little shorter than her season high of 17'). Junior Kerry McGeoghan, the ninth seed, took fourth at 15'¾". And seventh-seeded senior Leila Mouneimneh came up with a fifth-place finish with a jump of 15'1¾".

McGeoghan took a second in the high jump (5') and qualified for the States this weekend at Smith College. "It was the first time I've been beaten this year, but I'm still happy to be going up to the States," she said.

Cathy Dickinson took a second in the shot put. She was seeded second with a regular-season toss of 32'11". She had a put of 31'10" in the tournament. Agawam's Lindsay Hadden, seeded third, came in third with a heave of 31'3¾".

In the discus, Hadden, seeded third, came in third with a spin of 94'8". Her season high was 107'. Agawam's Ann Marie Dimauro, an 11th seed with a season high of 87'6", came up with a like effort to finish fifth.

Agawam had two finishers in the pole vault. Sophomore Ashlee Lorraine was a sixth seed and finished fifth with a vault of 7'6". Leila Sekkal came in seeded 10th (7'6") and finished sixth with a vault of 7'6".

The 100 high hurdles saw Agawam's Christine Campbell, a fourth seed (17.20), finish in third with a time of 17.0.

The girls' 4 x 400 relay team (Mouneimneh, Tierney, Campbell, a Lorraine), seeded third, came in fifth in a time of 4:25.2.

On the boys' side, they had senior Jason Flood take a fifth in the long jump at 20' even. He came in seeded 14th. "He jumped 19 feet during the year. His effort at the big tournament was his best," boys' track Coach Bill Dillon smiled. Pete Bitzas, who was seeded fifth, finished ninth.

Agawam dominated the triple jump all season long. Bitzas was seeded number one. Marc Pedraza was third. Flood was number six. In the end, Bitzas came in third (41'7"). Flood was fifth (40'9½"). Pedraza did not place.

Pedraza, a fifth seed in the discus, spun it out 133'10" to grab a fourth-place finish in that event.

The Brownie boys had a good showing in the mile. Jamie Delpeschio, a freshman and seeded sixth, ran a big last lap to finish fourth in 4:48.3.

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MEMBERS OF THE U14 Agawam Tigers, runners-up in the 1999 Nashua, New Hampshire Memorial Day Girls' Soccer Tournament. Back row, from left - Assistant Coach Frank Fitchben, Melissa Savenko, Jennifer Sharpe, Tricia Fitchben, Ellen Rannenberg, Whitney Brown, Shannon Cook, Sherri Laskowski, Meaghan Brown, Kelly Reilly, Kaitlin Sardella, and Coach Ed Brown. Front row - Victoria Ruhl, Nicole Gendreau, Kim Hoague, Vicky Taylor, Danielle Cirillo, and Aimee Beaudette.

U14 Agawam Tigers Runners-Up Again At Nashua, NH Girls' Soccer Tourney

For the second consecutive year, the U14 Agawam Tigers finished as runners-up in the Nashua, New Hampshire Memorial Day Girls' Soccer Tournament. The Tigers traveled all the way to NH only to face two of their Pioneer Valley Soccer League rivals in the semi-final and final, Westfield and Ludlow, respectively.

The Tigers opened the tournament on Saturday morning vs. Cranston, Rhode Island, winning convincingly, 3-0. The Tigers started things just five minutes in when wing Kaitlin Sardella gathered the ball just inside the penalty area, collided with the goalie, and her rolling ball was stuffed home by striker Danielle Cirillo.

The Tigers scored just before the half when Kaitlin Sardella crossed the ball into the penalty area and the ball then bounded out to midfielder Whitney Brown. Whitney one-timed a beautiful left-footer on the ground and into the net.

Danielle Cirillo scored again midway through a Tiger-dominated second half when she received a long pass from sweeper Shannon Cook and easily beat the goalie.

In the afternoon game vs. a huge and game Manchester United team from New Hampshire, the Tigers prevailed, 1-0. While the Tigers held a big advantage in territory and shots, MU did have three glittering chances to score. The first came midway in the scoreless opening half when a sudden rush downfield caught the Tigers by surprise. The shot got behind goalie Vicky Taylor and she dived on the ball just before it crept over the line.

Danielle Cirillo scored the game's only goal in the second 30 minutes after accepting a great pass from center-halfback Kim Hoague (who played an outstanding game). Danielle got loose behind the defense and grounded a shot into an open net. Vicky Taylor made a great, sliding save a few minutes later to keep MU off the board.

MU did not have another chance to score for nearly 20 minutes. But with about 20 seconds left, a breakaway ensued and the shot from 10 yards out slid inches by the left post.

The midfield enjoyed a banner game led by Kim Hoague, Meaghan Brown, Aimee Beaudette, Ellen Rannenberg, and Nicole Gendreau. The backline of stoppers Whitney Brown and Melissa Savenko, fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Sherri Laskowski, and sweeper Shannon Cook, continually stepped up to beat MU to the ball. Vicky Taylor recorded whitewash number 11 on the season.

On a hot, humid Sunday afternoon, the Tigers defeated South Coast, Rhode Island, 2-0. Wing Jennifer Sharpe opened the scoring just 30 seconds in after grabbing a nice pass from halfback Meaghan Brown. Jennifer launched an angled shot from 30 yards out that slipped through the goalie's hands and rolled into the net.

From there, SC battled the Tigers with vigor the rest of the half. The locals escaped an SC goal with under three minutes to go when a cannon-like shot from 40 yards out cracked off the crossbar and out of harm's way.

After 10 minutes of back and forth in the second half, the Tigers took command in the final 20 minutes. The steady pressure in the SC end paid dividends with eight minutes left. Fullback Kaitlin Sardella rushed the ball upfield and struck it into the penalty area. The SC fullback was first on the ball but was shocked when striker Danielle Cirillo stole it and grounded her fourth goal of the tourney into the net past the even more shocked keeper.

For the Tigers, sweeper Shannon Cook had a monster game and she received plenty of support from fellow backliners Tricia Fitchben, Kim Hoague, Whitney Brown, Melissa Savenko, and Kaitlin Sardella. Frontliners Jennifer Sharpe, Kelly Reilly, and Victoria Ruhl played well, as did midfielders Ellen Rannenberg (superb game), Kim Hoague, Aimee Beaudette (lots of hustle), and

Nicole Gendreau. Vicky Taylor got her shutout again, her 12th.

It was on to the semi-finals where the Tigers met Westfield for the second straight year on Memorial Day. The locals defeated WF 1-0 in April and battled them to a scoreless tie on May 22nd in the last game of the PVJSL regular season.

And like all games between these two sides, the play was physical and intense, but this time it was fought in the searing heat. WF lost the game but the Tigers were physically beat afterwards. The game rocked back and forth through 70 scoreless minutes and the first five-minute overtime.

Early in the second OT, stopper Whitney Brown rifled in a loose ball high into the net from 25 yards out, straight on, for what appeared to be the win. But with less than 30 seconds remaining in the final OT, WF scored when a long pass bounced high into the penalty area and the WF forward somehow came up with the bounding, loose ball, blasting it past Vicky Taylor.

The drama of the shootout was short-lived. Neither goalie touched the ball. The first three WF shooters struck the ball high or wide of Vicky Taylor; the Agawam shooters - stopper Whitney Brown, wing Kaitlin Sardella, and sweeper Shannon Cook, all found the upper portions of the net as the WF goalie didn't have a chance on any of the three.

In the final vs. the Ludlow Cyclones, the first place team in the PVJSL, the same team the Tigers had defeated over in Ludlow the previous week, it was all Cyclones from start to finish in the Nashua final. Ludlow was the much fresher of the two teams after its easy, 6-0 semi-final win over Warwick, RI; the Tigers were still reeling from the exhausting win over WF.

Ludlow scored early in each half for a convincing, 2-0 win. Goalie Vicky Taylor was under the gun from the start. Her teammates did have several good opportunities to score, but these were few and far between as the Tigers had little gas left in the tank against the Cyclones' onslaught.

The Tigers are now 13-3-3 overall this season. The team and coaches Ed Brown and Frank Fitchben are looking forward to the PVJSL semi-final game vs. MTOC champ East Longmeadow.

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BOYS' STANDINGS

DPL TEAMS	W	L
Fran's Restaurant Yellow Devils	6	1
Allen Lawnmower Red Sox	5	1
Westfield Bank Black Hawks	5	2
Structural Welding Engineering Crushers	3	2
Firestone Bombers	2	5
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	2	5
Blimpie's Purple Knights	1	4
E. Cecchi Farms Mets	1	5

9-10 TEAMS

NORTH DIVISION	W	L
Towne Insurance No. 4	3	1
John's Trucking No. 1	2	3
Reed's Industries No. 3	2	3
The Cutting Edge No. 2	2	4

SOUTH DIVISION

Mr. Sign No. 6	5	0
Bradway Limousine Service No. 8	3	1
Fitness First No. 7	1	3
Kid's Footwear No. 5	0	3

11-12 TEAMS

Luigi's Athletics	9	0
Northern Electric Braves	6	3
Westbank Marlins	3	5
Riverside Phillies	2	5
Bear Auto Orioles	1	4
Alvin's Astros	1	5

GIRLS' STANDINGS

8-9 TEAMS	W	L
Stan's Soft Serve Maroon	7	1
Phipps Discount Teal	6	2
Agawam Medical Supply Green	3	4
Baystate Gas Red	2	5
American Classics Orange	1	7

10-12 TEAMS

	W	L	T
Dayga Printing Navy	6	1	1
Stop & Shop Green	5	1	1
Tolli's Orange	4	3	0
River Auto Gray	4	4	0
Partner's Restaurant Maroon	3	4	0
Poolman Pools Teal	3	5	0
Travel Connections Red	0	7	0

13-17 TEAMS

	W	L
New Horizons Yellow	3	1
Sand Trap Blue	3	1
Hastie Fence Red	2	1
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Tempo Time...

When your swing begins to get too fast, here's a drill to help slow you down:

Address the ball. Start the backswing by lifting the club straight up in front of you until it is pointing at the sky and your hands are directly in front of your face. Your wrists should be cocked.

Now, from that position, make a full shoulder turn and make your normal downswing.

Do this several times. It makes you pause before you begin your downswing, and that is crucial to good tempo.

Agawam Little League Minor Standings (As Of 5/29/99)

TEAMS	W	L
Agawam Cinemas Red Sox	8	1
Agawam D.A.R.E. Giants	7	2
Westfield Bank Yankees	6	2
Bridgeport National Royals	5	3
Smart Appraisal Mets	4	4
Dreyer Plumbing & Heating Dodgers	4	4
Geissler's Market Orioles	2	6
Luigi's Pizza Braves	1	7
Quail Run Indians	0	8

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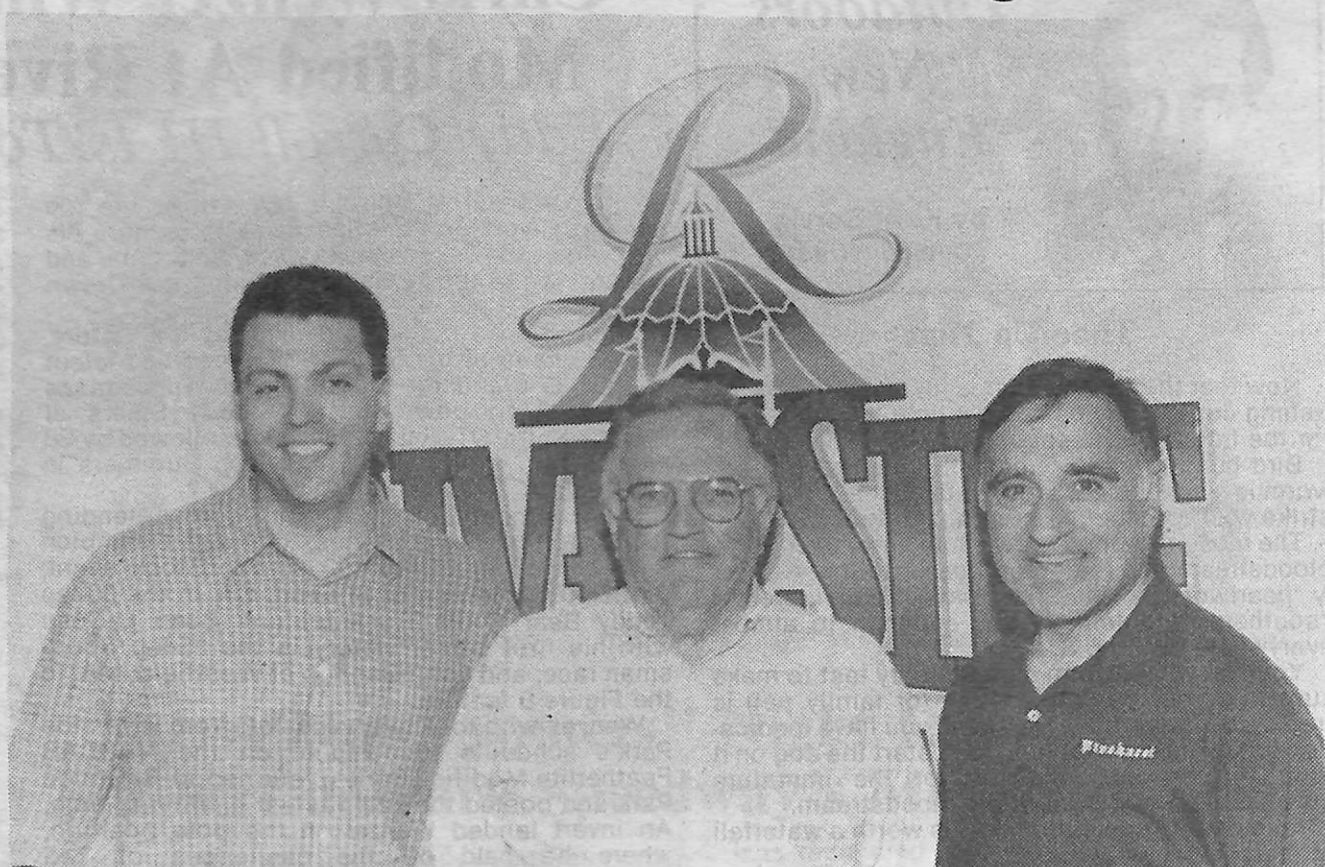
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11th Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament Scheduled For Saturday, June 26th

The 11th annual Agawam Police D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The tournament will be limited to 144 players.

The format for the tournament will be "scramble," and prizes will be awarded for the "longest drive" and "nearest pin."

The entry fee is \$65 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, continental breakfast, and lunch. For lunch only, the cost is \$15.

The entry deadline is June 11th. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For an application and/or more information, please contact Project D.A.R.E., c/o Sergeant Gallerani, Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. All applications must be accompanied by check.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Tune-Up Time

Now that the hot weather is finally here and the fishing couldn't be better, it's time to plan ahead for the fall hunting season.

Bird hunters and houndmen, take note: Heartworm is a serious and often fatal disease that can strike your four-legged hunting partner.

The mosquito-borne larvae can enter your dog's bloodstream and metamorphose into those deadly heartworms. What once was considered a "southern" problem is now endemic to almost everywhere in the U.S.

Your vet will perform a preliminary test to make sure that your hunting partner (or family pet) is free of the microfilarial larvae. If you have medication left over from last fall, don't start the dog on it until the vet has checked for the immature juveniles that could be in the bloodstream.

An ounce of prevention now is worth a waterfall of tears later.

This is also the opportune time to talk to your vet about some of the flea and tick protections available for your canine buddy. It will not only protect the dog, but will help to keep the house free of these pesky parasites.

FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Vally lakes and ponds are producing bass and trout. The bass are bedding in most of the warmer waters, or are preparing to begin spawning.

Kurt over at Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that largemouth bass are nesting in some areas and are hitting anything that resembles a threat to the nest or young fry. Plastic lizards and larger plastic worms are doing well.

Trout are moving into deeper water, and downrigging or wire lining is the way to go.

George Ballingall from BG's Pro Fishing Tackle in Enfield tells us that the story on the Connecticut River is not the fabulous smallmouth action, not the shad run, but the abundance of large stripers. Plugs such as the five-inch and seven-inch Mambo Minnows in olive and silver/black back are taking nice fish. A long-awaited shipment of those special "Gibbs" plugs are now in. The most consistent action is coming on live herring, although the biggest stripers have been coming in on nine-inch Fin-S-Fish and sluggos.

From the Holyoke Dam down through Windsor, Connecticut, the trick is to drift the herring through the rocky shallows or work your lures thoroughly in those spots.

Shad are hitting well, with the usual hot spots producing great fun on light tackle and fly rods.

SALT WATER

Party boats are reporting better success with larger cod, pollack and hake. Throw in an occasional wolf fish and chances for a good mixed bag are good.

Fluke trips are getting underway shortly, as the toothy cousin of the flounder moves inshore. Traditional spots such as Misquamicut and deep reefs are producing some nice fish already.

Tautog season is closed in Connecticut. Check regulations closely in all the coastal states as some last minute changes were passed on many species of salt water fish.

Stripers are showing up everywhere. Schoolies are catchable virtually everywhere, with some real nice keeper bass thrown in for good measure. You don't have to travel any farther than the Connecticut River to find keeper-size fish!

Bluefish have now shown in any numbers, but rumors persist that some choppers have been taken near the mouth of the Connecticut River.

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Chris Wenzel Wins Budweiser 100 Modified At Riverside Speedway Eddy Carroll III Is Tops In Pro Stock 100

Chris Wenzel of Holyoke, MA, tamed the top dogs at Riverside Park Speedway to capture his first win of the season on Saturday, May 29th, and the first leg of the \$6,000 Budweiser Triple Crown Series.

Wenzel, who collected \$2,000 for the victory, stayed ahead of the top NASCAR modified talent in New England for the entire 100-lap distance before taking down the win. Eddy Spiers of Beacon Falls, CT, finished second, followed by Ed Flemke, Jr., Ricky Miller, and Rob Summers in fifth place.

Other winners on this night were defending NASCAR Shorttrack Series Regional Champion Eddy Carroll III in the 100-lap Pro Stock event; Patrick Kretschman of Shelton, CT, in the 30-lap Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature; Beau LeBeau with his first career victory in the 25-lap Sportman race; and John Gagnon of Westfield, MA, in the Figure 8 feature.

Wenzel, who took two weeks off from Riverside Park's schedule to compete on the NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series, returned to Riverside Park and posted the 12th fastest qualifying time. An invert landed Wenzel on the pole position, where he held off the challenges of Ted Christopher, Bob Polverari, and Flemke before capturing the win.

It was a repeat performance of sorts for Wenzel, whose first win of the 1998 season came on May 30th — almost exactly one year earlier. Fifth-place finisher Summers posted the fastest qualifying lap with a time of 12.31 seconds (73.1707 mph) during Saturday afternoon's time trials.

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In the 100-lap Pro Stock feature, Carroll of Longmeadow, MA, took the lead from Agawam, MA driver Tom Fearn and cruised to his first win

of the season. Seeking his fourth consecutive Pro Stock title at the track his family founded 51 years ago, Carroll skillfully moved forward from the 12th starting position after he posted the fastest qualifying time for the Pro Stocks at 13.29 seconds (67.6691 mph). Barry Gray was second, followed by Jeff Connors, Rich Vasseur, and Jim Banfield.

In the Teddy Bear Pools Truck headliner, Kretschman battled his way to the lead after 14 laps and stayed ahead of a hard-charging Mike Salmond before collecting his second feature win of the season. Skip Breunig was third, followed by E.J. Lagacy and Rob Valerio in fifth place.

LeBeau's first taste of victory came after a hard-fought race against Plantsville, CT's Dennis Brilla, who finished second. Herb Carlon crossed the line to take third place, followed by Ed Charette and Tony Keilty.

The Memorial Day weekend event was closed out with the Figure 8 division, where Gagnon earned the win after race leader John Albert spun out while racing through the "X." Joe Jacobs held on for second place, followed by Rick Ashlaw, Leon Goulet, and Don Pinette in fifth place.

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Riverside Park Speedway continues its season on Saturday, June 5th. The four-division NASCAR Winston Racing Series program will be highlighted by Riverside Park's annual Hall of Fame induction festivities.

Rene Charland, Gary Colturi, and Russ McLean will take their places among the Riverside greats during a short ceremony on Saturday night.

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"Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp" Taking Applications For August

The "Summer Skate to Ski Race Camp" at Springfield College is accepting applications for their August camp.

This year's training camp will take place the week of August 2nd-6th. All activities will be conducted on the campus of Springfield College.

Girls and boys ages nine through 16 that are interested in ski training or planning on ski racing this winter are encouraged to attend. Some of the activities include rope course, K2 demo day, skate

gates, and other training equipment.

The camp also has the use of all the facilities such as the pool, gym, weights, and much more. So get a jump on the competition and have fun developing your skills.

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Agawam High's Boys' Ski Team Is Always Thinking About Snow

Even though spring is nearly over, the Agawam boys' ski team is thinking SNOW and looking forward to next winter.

The team ended this season in fourth place in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference (PVIAC). Even though they would have liked to have placed higher, fourth out of 23 teams isn't bad when one considers that Agawam has been Division A status for only a few years.

Four seniors will be graduating this year. **Mike DeFilipi**, co-captain and fourth-year racer, qualified for Individuals and States. In order to qualify for these races, a skier must be one of the top 10 skiers in at least one race.

Jay Flood, co-captain, had a strong year, considering that he only learned how to ski three years ago.

Ondrej Lukes, a foreign exchange student from the Czech Republic, skied well for his first year.

Rob Santaniello ended up 10th overall in the A Division and boasts an All Western Massachusetts nomination. He also qualified for Individuals and States.

All four seniors skied in the **Ben Moore Memorial Ski Race**, which is a memorial for Ben Moore, an Agawam policeman and avid skier, who gave back to his community by coaching young racers. This race, coordinated by Coach Glenn Olson and the Agawam Ski Parents Association, raises money for a scholarship for seniors who were involved in the Alpine Ski program for at least two years and are continuing their education.

The only junior on the team, **Jack Pearson**, did well by placing in the top 10 for a GS, giant slalom, competition.

The future team is comprised of a large group of sophomores: **Bill Campana**, **Sean Devall**, **Brandon Donovan**, **Adam Escobar**, **Jim Evans**, and newcomers **Nick Broska** and **Tim Chretien**. The team's lone freshman and first-year racer, **Adam Tapply**, performed well on the slopes this season.

Glenn Olson has been coaching the Agawam boys' ski team for eight years and recently remarked, "This is the strongest future team Agawam has ever had. I'm looking forward to the upcoming season."

Coach Olson directs and coordinates summer camps and programs for upcoming racers. Any skier interested in racing should contact Coach Olson at Agawam High School.

All the hometown news with us, every week...



SAY "SNOW"!!!: The members of this year's boys' ski team at Agawam High School.

A Hot "Somers" Night Highlighted Riverside Park Speedway's May 22nd Event

Somers, Connecticut was alive with celebration as two drivers from the small town earned their first career wins at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, May 22nd.

Bill Bolton, driving the Bear Motorsports No. 14 NAPA modified entry, held off Rob Summers of Manchester, Connecticut for his first career modified win. In the Sportsman division, 19 year-old **Dave Birkenshaw** held off another Somers resident, **George Colton**, before pulling into victory lane for the first time ever.

Other winners from the action-packed NASCAR Winston Racing Series program were **Jim Banfield** of Glastonbury, Connecticut in the Pro Stock division, **East Granby**, Connecticut's **Ernie Tarca** with his third win of the season in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division, and **Mark LaJoie** of Norwalk, Connecticut in the Super Stock division.

Bolton, who started eighth in the 50 lap feature, took the lead from rookie **Dennis Charette** on the 10th lap before settling in for the victory. The win came as a surprise for Bolton, after crashing during practice with a stuck throttle. After hustling down to Southington, Connecticut for replacement parts, Bolton's crew repaired the car well enough to take down the win. Summers was second, followed by **Eddy Spiers**, **Ted Riggott**, and **Bob Polverari** in fifth.

In the 40 lap Pro Stock feature, **Banfield** stole the lead from defending NASCAR Shorttrack Series Regional Champion **Eddy Carroll** with nine

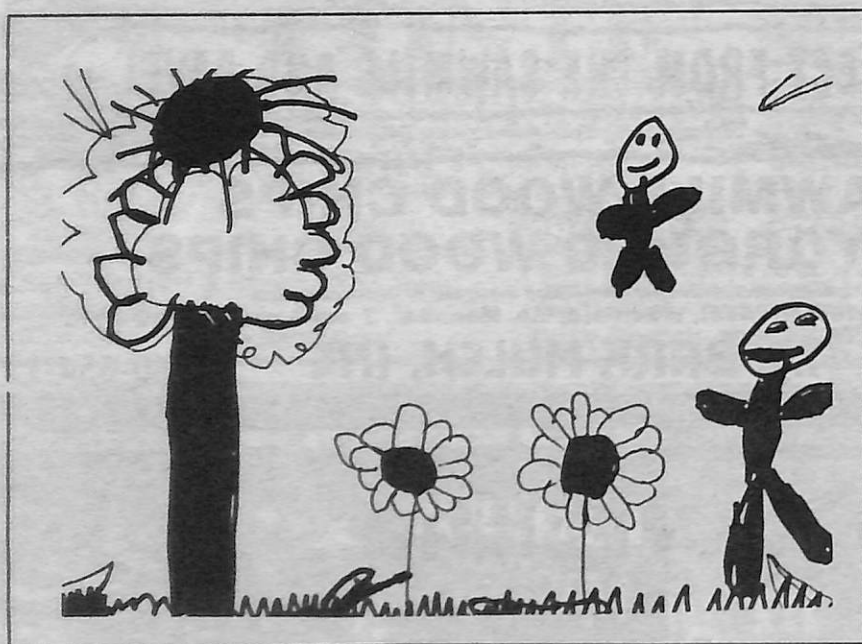
laps remaining before capturing his first win of the year. **John Lobo**, of Southampton, Mass. finished second, followed by **Jeff Connors**, **Barry Gray**, and **Tom Fearn** in fifth.

After an amazing run in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature, **Tarca** grabbed hold of the Victory Lane checkers for the third time this season. After spinning out to avoid a wreck on lap 15, **Tarca** battled back towards the front of the pack. Running in third with six laps remaining, **Tarca** nearly spun out again while trying to maintain his position with the leaders. **Tarca** remained in control of his **Barnard Brothers No. 70** machine, and eventually established a position behind leader **Mike Salmond**.

On the white flag lap, **Tarca** moved alongside **Salmond**, charging ahead at the line for the win. **Roger Voisine** was third, followed by **Kris Valerio** in fourth, and **Skip Breunig** in fifth place.

The young **Birkenshaw** made it a Somers, Connecticut night with his first-ever feature win in the 25 lap Sportsman feature. **Birkenshaw's** number two car held its line up front for most of the race before pulling into Victory Lane for the first time. **Colton** was second, followed by **Glen Reilly**, **Ed Charette**, and **Craig Collins** in fifth place.

Mark LaJoie captured the Super Stock win after overtaking **John Provencher** and **Carl Holmgren, Jr.** in a three-wide battle with three laps remaining. **Provencher** settled for second, followed by **Holmgren**, **Mike Kluczinsky**, and **Chris Matthews** in fifth.



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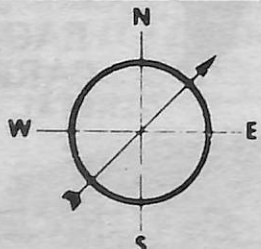
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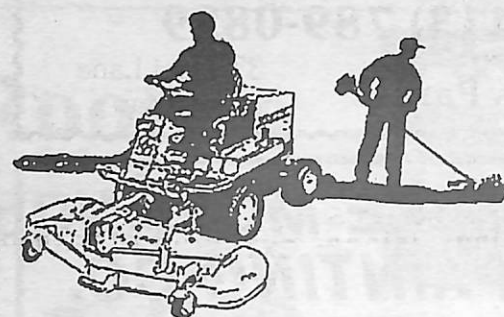
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